

Democratic and Republican Parties

As Seen By the Eyes of an Old Citizen.

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Editor Courier: In an article in a late Oregonian the editor claims great virtues for the Republican party, but condemns the Democratic party as a party of negation. By your permission, we will compare notes a little.

I understand the Republican party to be a party that will trample the constitution of the United States under foot for political gain; a party that believes it is right to exercise might over right, if occasion requires; a party that favors and enacts class legislation—legislation that aids the rich to get richer at the expense of the poor; a party already committed to imperialism and grasping for more in the same direction; a party that rewards bribery by appointment to office, and winks at the crimes of U. S. senators who buy their way to the senate; in fact, a party as full of political corruption as an egg is full of meat and is trying to crowd more in.

The editor further says: "The Democratic party has no other purpose in view than opposing the Republican party." Why, bless me, it seems that such opposition should be considered a virtue. But let us look a little further.

The Democratic party, as a party, believes in living strictly up to the constitution of the United States and to the laws made in pursuance thereof; is opposed to class legislation in all forms; favors equal taxation that the rich may bear a full share of the burdens of the government with the poor.

The Democratic party believes in the sacredness of our treaties with other nations, and believes in keeping such treaties inviolate until legally abrogated; favors the lowest rate of taxation consistent with good government, economically administered; has always stood by labor, and today is labor's best friend. The Democratic party, while it reverses the constitution as it is today, ever ready for amendments, that are to meet the demands of a progressive age, nor ever thinks of jumping the bars in advance of legal authority. The Democratic party is a law abiding party in which anarchy could not live a single day, a striking contrast to the party that tramples law under its feet to gain political ends. The principles of democracy are the foundation of nature's economy—equal and exact justice to all, and it seems to me, the Democratic party is the best exponent of those principles of any party today.

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Odd Fellows Celebrate

Oregon Lodge, No. 3, T. O. O. F. Celebrates its Semi-Centennial Thursday Night.

Oregon Lodge No. 3, T. O. O. F. Thursday night last celebrated its 50th birthday in their hall in this city. They were assisted by the Rebekahs, and the session continued until after the clock had brought in the new year. After the regular meeting, during which the business on hand was disposed of, the Rebekahs came in and speechmaking was indulged in. The large attendance present listened attentively to speeches by leading members of the fraternity, the talks being along historical lines, telling of the development and growth of the lodge. Prayer was offered by C. H. Dye. Talks were made by C. B. Moores, Judge Thomas F. Ryan and Judge William Galloway.

The speechmaking was followed by whistplaying, after which light refreshments were served. In the wee hours of morning the affair broke up.

Oregon Lodge No. 3 is a lodge with a history, it being by right the oldest lodge of Odd Fellows west of the Missouri river. The charter for the local lodge was sent from New York around the Horn in the early days by ship, but after reaching San Francisco it was diverted to the lodge at Honolulu and never arrived here. Had that charter arrived the lodge here would now be Oregon No. 1, but while waiting for another charter to arrive for the lodge here two other Oregon lodges got ahead of this one in getting charters. Although this was the first Odd Fellows lodge organized in Oregon, or for that matter, west of the Missouri river, and with the completion of the old year the lodge reached its 50th birthday.

Socialism But Not Political

To the Citizens Interested in the Viola and Abernethy Road:

Are we going to remain in statu quo, as we have a fairly good road, until the plank wears out, or are we going to cooperate and each year make along this side of our plank a good gravel or crush rock road and have the same completed by the time the plank wears out, or will we, for fear of enterprising with our individuality, remain idle until the planks are in the same condition as the Courier describes those on the Molalla road to be?

Allow me to suggest that we call meetings and talk this matter up and agree, to a man, to construct so much each year between spring, seeding and harvest. What we collectively need let us collectively do. This will be to our social, moral, financial and I hope political benefit. Let's hear from you. Don't be afraid you will all speak at once.

W. W. MYERS.

Logan Grange Holds Meeting

Grand Dinner and Public Installation.

Logan Grange celebrated New Year's day in grand style. Those partaking of the dinner—and a splendid dinner it was—numbered 100. There were 23 visitors. Half a dozen new members were initiated. In the afternoon the officers for the ensuing year were publicly installed by State Deputy Lewis Kirkland, assisted by Fred Gerber, as follows: Master, G. D. Robbins; overseer, Olaf Sprague; lecturer, Mrs. H. S. Anderson; steward, George Kohl; assistant steward, Edwin Gerber; chaplain, H. S. Anderson; treasurer, Mrs. Hattie Sprague; secretary, S. E. Gerber; gatekeeper, Fred Mosher; Ceres, Miss Emma Fallert; Pomona, Miss Neita Gerber; Flora, Miss Mary Swales; lady assistant, Miss Helen Sprague.

The installation was followed by an entertainment which was largely musical, vocal and instrumental. There are a number of fine voices among the young people of Logan. During the performance across the stage at one end of the hall—much enlarged beyond what it formerly was—dozen little girls and a half dozen little boys were sitting in a row. The effect was both comical and pretty.

Logan Grange is constantly increasing its membership and so great and beneficial is its influence that it is the centre of attraction for a large and populous neighborhood.

The New Fire Box.

A new fire box in that old cook stove will cost you but a few dollars. The old stove is worthless without it. Our new fire box will make it good as new. Remember how that old stove used to bake. Why buy a new stove which will have to be repaired anyway in a few years, when our fire box will make the old one new? If you do not believe these statements, give Mr. H. K. Luse a chance and be convinced. He will do the work at your house satisfactorily or no pay. He is sole agent in Oregon City and Clackamas county for the fire box. Address Oregon City, Or.

A Prisoner in Her Own House.

Mrs. W. H. Layha, of 1001 Agnes Ave., Kansas City, Mo., has for several years been troubled with severe hoarseness and at times a hard cough, which she says, "Would keep me in doors for days. I was prescribed for by physicians with no noticeable results. A friend gave me part of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with instructions to closely follow the directions and I wish to state that after the first day I could not see a decided change for the better, and at this time after using it for two weeks, have no hesitation in saying I realize that I am entirely cured. This remedy is for sale by G. A. Harding.

Baptists Elect Officers

The Members of the Baptists Congregation Elected Officers Thursday Night.

The annual meeting of the members of the First Baptist church occurred in the church Thursday evening. Reports of the officers of the church and of the various auxiliary societies were read and showed the church to be in a prosperous condition. The membership of the church has been materially increased, during the year just closed, and while the debt is slightly increased, the church now owes but little. The congregation numbers about 320 members.

The officers elected to serve for the coming year were as follows: Deacons, W. W. Mars, D. C. Latourette, A. J. Burgess, James Ward and Joseph Renner; Trustees, W. W. Mars, D. C. Latourette, and A. S. Dresser; Secretary, Mrs. Carrie Parker; Treasurer, John W. Loder; Financial Secretary, Mary McIntyre; Finance committee, D. C. Latourette; A. S. Dresser, T. E. Gault, W. W. Mars, John Loder, and Mrs. Shank; baptismal committee, Mesdames D. C. Latourette, T. E. Gault, Carrie Parker, and Messrs. James Wark and H. E. Crose. Committee on fellowship, Mesdames C. O. T. Williams, D. C. Latourette and A. M. Porter; chorister, J. W. Loder; pianist, Miss Veda Williams. Mrs. A. S. Dresser was re-elected to the position of superintendent of the Sunday school, but declined to serve she stating that she could not give the time that the place required in future. The election of her successor was postponed one month, during which time she will serve.

Burglars Take Only Whisky

Depot Saloon Robbed by Unknown Persons Late at Night.

The Depot saloon located opposite the Courier office, on Seventh street, one block above Main, was burglarized last Friday night by cutting a hole in the floor of an adjoining storeroom and tearing a hole in a thin partition, letting the unknown thieves into the saloon. All that was taken so far as can be noticed, was several gallons of whisky, which were missed from a keg which was half full before the burglary. In the morning only a small quantity remained in the bottom of the keg.

No clew has so far been found to the thieves, although the case is being investigated as fully as possible. The method of entrance was most unusual and the entry into the saloon through the small hole in the partition seems to indicate that at least one of the burglars was very small of stature. No money is left in place over night, so nothing of value was taken except the whisky.

It is thought probable that the theft was the work of hobos who noticed the proximity of the place to the tracks, and the corner offered a good place to work because of its darkness. Although the robbers must have had tools with which they cut holes in the floor and pry off several boards from the partition. Two slot machines in the place were undisturbed. It seemed easy enough for them to break these open and take what money they contained.

Basket and Pie Social.

A basket and pie social will be given under the auspices of Maple Lane Grange on next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock at their hall at Maple Lane. An interesting programme will be rendered and the public is cordially invited to attend. The Trustees of the Maple Lane Grange have decided that they will not allow, until further notice any dancing at these entertainments, so no dancing will be indulged in at this meeting.

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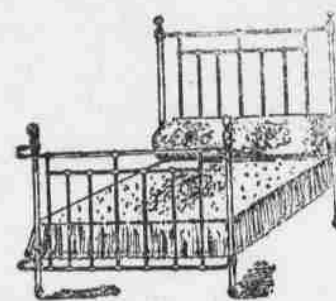
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