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Democrat's Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Democratic County Central Committee will be held in Oregon City on March 16th for the purpose of appointing delegates to and fixing time for Primaries to elect delegates to next County Convention, and any other business that may come before it as a body.

R. B. BEATIE, Chairman. E. R. MASS, Secretary.

BRYAN AND CLEVELAND.

Under the above caption the Cincinnati Enquirer prints the following editorial, which ought to be read by every Democrat in America. The Enquirer certainly sounds a harmonious note, and all Democrats should realize that now is the time to get together and stay together.

Mr. Bryan is one of the many girding allusions which he seems never to tire of making. Mr. Cleveland is reported recently to have spoken of him with what seems rather a labored attempt at wit, as "ravin'." It is hard to see what it is hoped to accomplish by indulging in this ungentle, not to say, coarse calling of names inside our household.

While we have certain fundamental principles which all recognize and bow to, the policy of the party has varied at different periods, and there always has been room for many shades of opinions within its lines. This is true even in ecclesiastical organizations, where rigid formulas of belief have always been insisted on, but where now a wide tolerance and charity as to creed is growing up.

We have a party at one time been for hard money, and at another for greenbacks, and when an issue has been fought out and has become obsolete we have always had the sense to realize it and pass on to something else.

When the United States, which had been split into warring factions, was confronted by a foreign enemy, it gladly enlisted in its service those who had been in arms against each other, and side by side they marched to victory.

endangered by permitting minor differences to become rampant and frittering away the strength and energy which should be concentrated on the opposition in petty internal squabbles.

The Democratic party has performed a great part in the history of the country and its mission is still unfulfilled. On the threshold of a new century lie abundant opportunities which may be seized and utilized to give it again control, and bring back simplicity, economy and a due regard for the just power of the states to the Government at Washington.

THE ATMOSPHERE.

To the scientific farmer the composition of the atmosphere is a matter of importance. It consists of nitrogen and oxygen mixed together. They are not chemically united. The nitrogen serves no purpose but to dilute the oxygen.

Properly cooked and properly digested these foods convey nitrogen to the human body. It is from the nitrogenous compounds that all the tissues of the body are made.

On January 20, 1902, there was signed at London, a treaty of offensive and defensive alliance between Great Britain and Japan. Citing their interests in China and Korea, it is stipulated in Article II as follows:

"If either Great Britain or Japan, in the defense of their respective interests as above described, should become involved in war with another Power, the other high contracting party will maintain a strict neutrality and use its efforts to prevent other parties from joining in hostilities against its ally."

"Let us be done with fetish worship," shouts the Sioux Tribune, one of the influential republican papers of Iowa. "Let us throw over the doctrine inspired by commercial piracy; let us repudiate the absurd logic that abases the real pro-tection principle."

THE BOOTH-KELLY OLIGARCHY.

The Roseburg Plaindealer is and always has been the organ of the Republican party of Douglas county. What it says, therefore, of the re-appointment of Booth and Bridges to the position of register and receiver in the Roseburg U. S. land office must be taken as undoubtedly showing what a powerful factor the Booth-Kelly outfit is in the rotten republican machine of Southern Oregon.

The Plaindealer declares: "The government land office has been turned over to the Booth-Kelly Lumber company to manipulate and the citizens are asked to turn over the Congressional office to the Booth-Kelly Lumber company; and Senator Booth wants to steal from every settler his right to the streams of water; and the timber speculators made Senator Booth their champion to foist up a people a burden of exorbitant taxation to protect the timber upon their lands, too often stolen from the government and more often from the honest, hardworking settlers; and some of the voters are asking this question: shall the whole of Western Oregon be turned over to the Booth-Kelly Lumber company?"

"State Sena or Booth is an enemy of individual effort in building up the resources of Oregon for his action in the senate one year ago was entirely in favor of robbing settlers of their rights to the water course and to burden them with taxation to protect timber sharks land and the effort of Booth-Kelly Lumber company has been to rob many settlers in Oregon out of their just claims to the public land. That LaGrande stealing of the homesteaders' land was a disgrace to the State of Oregon. This man Booth must be repudiated and defeated at the primaries, county conventions and at the joint senatorial convention. Such men are politically a disgrace to the republican party and the entire State of Oregon."

If Editor Brookes had worked in a Booth Kelly logging camp he would no doubt have noticed that his check came from San Francisco. Here we have it, California black republicans, or more correctly, money-grubbers who do not care a tinker's darn for politics, controlling the political destinies of Western Oregon and the welfare of thousands of its inhabitants.

THE YELLOW PERIL.

Michael Davitt, Irish member of the British parliament, is of the opinion that the "yellow peril" is not fanciful. The question is, he says, suppose the capitalists, trusts and corporations of England and the United States should think of developing these 350,000,000 of industries, intelligent and docile people of China, by the erection of mills, factories, foundries, workshops, etc., in their midst, as English capitalists are doing today in India and in Japan. What then?

Capital has neither patriotism nor conscience. By the direction of the economic laws of profits, it goes where it can obtain the greatest rewards for its investments, where efficient work can be had for the lowest wages and where conditions of taxes and competition are the most favorable to the rapid acquisition of wealth. This is the governing creed and practice of capital everywhere.

China offers to English and American exploitation of labor the greatest field ever opened up to the ambition of organized capital. An ordinary adult in China will work for ten cents a day. At Nagasaki and Osaka in Japan English cotton mill owners have employes of both sexes that work from twelve to fifteen hours a day for less than \$1.50 a week. In British India the wages are even lower than in Japan.

At Madras compositors work for about one shilling a day—25 cents. British India is an example of what China may become under foreign rule, directed and dominated by the money power of England. There are some 200,000,000 of a population highly civilized and docile in British India.

England has ruled these countless millions of Eastern people for the last 150 years, with what results?

Mr. William Digby, C. I. E., an ex-British Indian official, in his latest work, "Prosperous British India," published by Fisher Union, London, proves to hilt the following facts: The average daily wage per head of a worker in India in 1850 was two pence (four cents). In 1882 it was one penny and a half, in 1900 it was three farthings. These 200,000,000 of Eastern people are British subjects. Not one human being among them can exercise the right to vote for an English governor sent from London to rule them, for the

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secretary of state who governs the country from London, or can influence in any way the expenditure of the taxes levied on the people by their foreign masters. There are 70,000,000 of these British citizens unable to read or write. Hon. Michael Davitt who is "for-nist." The Japs have nothing to say against the "Cossack peril," which is real and threatening as the other variety. Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin, which appeared here Monday night, was attended by a very large crowd, all of whom seemed to enjoy the play.

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