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GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE.

It is possible for a community, in its own interest, to rise above partisan politics. A party is made up of men whose ideas of fundamental principles of government and whose ideas on such great questions of National policy as may be before the people, come somewhat close together. It is an impossible supposition that every democrat should agree with every other Democrat on each and all public questions. For a man to say that he believes in every tenet and the whole of the faith as laid down by his party leader is simply to say that he has no belief or independent idea whatever but is willing to follow blindly the leadership of his master. This is not Americanism. On such men we dare not rely for the preservation of our free institutions.

The only legitimate reason for party control in a republic lies in the fact that a large population becomes unwieldy. Parties systematize the running of the Government and afford a lead to what would otherwise be disorder and commotion.

But the reason for party control in bodies politic as small as precincts or even counties is absent, and a close adherence to party machinery in a county only hampers good government. Men will eventually come to look at the question in this light. When men become thus independent in their way of thinking, a good citizen of ability and integrity may aspire to and obtain positions of honor and public trust without truckling to the party lash and regardless of his belief on questions of National magnitude. The conducting of county affairs is simply a business. Large employers of men do not question their employees' politics any more than they enquire into their religion. They simply want to know if a man is capable of serving their business interests. That is just what a county should want to know of its employees.

We hope to see the day in the near future when the people of a community will select their public servants on a merit system, not one of political pull. This is practicable and in the interest of good government.

THE TAX LEVY.

Taxpayers receive this year, at the hands of the county court, a little treat. The levy has not been cut down—such lack was not, of course, to be dreamed of. But the levy was not raised and indeed this unprecedented occurrence is a good starter on the right road. The announcement would seem to indicate some very good financing—the master stroke being the court's determination to discontinue the handouts of the people's money to the henchmen of Clackamas county's political machine. The "gang" will undoubtedly rebel and when another election presents the opportunity will make a determined effort to put a lavish and free hand at the helm.

Now is a good time to turn back from the old free and easy way of spending the public money. Let next year mark a decrease in the tax levy. In public affairs it usually takes two dollars to get a dollar's worth of benefit. The principal reason for this lies in the fact that the people place in charge of the public business men of little ability, or limited experience or lacking in moral fitness and honesty. No public spirited citizen wants a niggardly administration of county affairs. He simply wants the county to have the benefit of the hard earned dollars that the taxpayer contributes to its treasury.

A county holds in its gift no office of greater honor than membership in its county court. It is the duty of men who have a pride in their county's growth and advancement to inform themselves of the merit and capability of any aspirant to this office. If he will not stand the test, be he friend or stranger, resolve, in behalf of justice and public good, to withhold support and assistance from the man who, in your judgment, is liable to bring dishonor and corruption into his office of public trust.

The tax levy this year is 20 1/2 mills. It should never go higher. It should in fact decrease from year to year. The more one considers the matter, the more he will realize that it all depends on the "man at the helm."

VINDICATED.

Justice is coming to be regarded an uncertainty in our courts. Indeed there is a common belief among the people that high position and great wealth will insure immunity from punishment for crime. The action of the District Attorney in Portland in dismissing the indictments against the Mayor and Chief of Police of that city will tend to fix this conviction all the more firmly in the minds of the people.

Most people do not believe that Mayor Williams and Chief of Police Hunt were guilty of an intentional crime. We should not permit ourselves to believe them guilty but should presume them innocent until they be convicted. But their guilt or innocence is not the question at issue.

A grand jury of respectable and representative men brought in an indictment against the two officers. This grand jury charged them with a crime and their only vindication would have been to face a trial jury where their innocence, if innocent they were, would have been readily established. Instead of this the District Attorney recommended that the charges be dismissed and the Court promptly acted on the recommendation. What vindication is there in this? What satisfaction could an innocent man, accused of crime, derive from it. The grand jury said guilty; one man, the District Attorney, said innocent, and the indicted men go free. Each man is entitled to his own opinion as to the motive that influenced the district attorney. Would a hungry man who had stolen a loaf of bread gotten off so easy? The District Attorney thought the county should not be put to the expense of a trial where, in his judgment, conviction could not be had. This sort of procedure compels great respect for our courts of justice. This is the course that breeds revolution.

DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. Bryan has announced through the columns of his paper, The Commoner, that the principal cause of democratic defeat this year was that the men who secured control of the party organization at St. Louis sounded a retreat when a charge should have been ordered all along the line. He insists that conditions demand radical action, and that people want something definite upon which they can rely. The Commoner, he announces, will carry on a campaign of education, advocating tariff reform, the overthrow of private monopolies, labor legislation, municipal ownership of railroads and telegraph systems, an income tax, the election of federal judges by the people, the election of United States senators by popular vote, direct legislation and the selection of postmasters by the people whom they are to serve.

It will be necessary to regain control of the party organization. To do this the friends of reform throughout the entire country must work together. A democratic paper of national scope offers the best means for carrying on this work, and The Commoner occupies the field. The campaign of education and organization which Mr. Bryan announces will be carried on through The Commoner will not only be interesting and instructive, but every democrat and independent thinker should receive The Commoner regularly so as to keep in touch with the progress the reform forces are making, and to fortify himself with facts and arguments to convince his republican neighbor that the democratic party offers the surest relief from class legislation and trust domination.

The low rates which Mr. Bryan has quoted us on his paper enables us to send The Commoner and The Courier both one year for \$1.75. Get your neighbors to join you in circulating democratic literature, and the election returns in 1908 will not call for apologies or explanations.

Road District Boundaries Changed.

In the county court changes in the Viola and Springwater districts were made and the boundaries of districts No. 21 and 22 were also changed. Viewers were appointed to locate a road from Logan to Barton. The petition of S. W. King for the payment of \$65 to release 14 acres of land from a mortgage lien was granted. The petition of Elmer Veteto, et al, for a telephone franchise from Canby through New Era to Oregon City along the Hill and Lawton roads was postponed until the February term.

Chamberlain's Cough Cure Absolutely Harmless.

The fault of children medicine containing injurious substances, is sometimes more disastrous than the disease from which they are suffering. Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for children to take. It contains nothing harmful and for coughs, colds and croup is unsurpassed. For sale by Geo. A. Harding.

Our annual clearance sale is now on. Krauss Bros.

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Twenty-Five Found Horribly Mangled in Albright's Pasture.

Twenty-five head of sheep, belonging to Charles Albright, were killed by dogs last Thursday night in Albright's pasture, close to the Abernethy road. Nothing was known of the occurrence until Friday morning, when the sheep were found dead and horribly mangled. It is apparent that at least two dogs were engaged in the terrible work. It is the custom of the animals to work in pairs, one dog seizing the sheep by the throat and the other sheep being caught in the hind quarters. The throats of every one of the 25 sheep were cut. A watch was kept the following night and one of the dogs returned and was killed. The owners of the animals are not known, and of course no blame can be attached to them. Sometimes sheep killing dogs can be detected by an examination of the teeth of the dogs, the wool from the sheep clinging to the teeth.

Sure Cure For Piles.

Itching Piles produce moisture and cause itching, this form, as well as blind, bleeding or protruding piles are cured by Dr. Bo-san-ko's Pile Remedy. Stops itching and bleeding. Absorbs tumors. 50c a jar at druggists, or sent by mail. Treatise free. Write me about your case. Dr. Bo-san-ko, Phila. Pa. Charman & Co., druggists.

Suit for Foreclosure.

Some time ago W. T. Wilson filed a mechanics' lien for \$40 against the house of Capt. Eli H. Longley, of Clackamas. The lien was not paid and Wilson has commenced suit in the circuit court for the amount of foreclosure of the lien.

A Grim Tragedy.

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one, another victim of Consumption or pneumonia. But when coughs and colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley, of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, which cured her, and today she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1 by Howell & Jones, druggists. Trial bottle free.

Winter Rates to Yaquina Bay.

In order to accommodate the many people who wish to make a winter trip to Yaquina Bay, the Southern Pacific Company will sell, on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, until March 31, 1905, round trip tickets at low rates, to Yaquina and return, limited to 60 days from date of sale. Those who desire to take advantage of this rate should apply to nearest Southern Pacific agents for tickets.

Quarter Was a Record Breaker.

The quarterly report of the United States Land office shows a record breaking three months, caused by the filings from the Grande Ronde Indian reservation. The cash sales of land embraced 10,100.28 acres and brought in \$26,008.75. Seventy original homestead entries were made, embracing \$946.60 in fees and commissions. Eighteen final homestead proofs were received, upon which there were received in fees and commissions \$110.45. The total cash receipts were \$27,928.16, exclusive of the Grande Ronde sales, which were \$52,956.46, making a grand total of \$80,884.62, embracing \$7,545.14 acres. The business of the past three months exceeded any previous quarter in the history of the office and it is extremely improbable that these receipts will ever again be equalled in the same period.

Spoiled Her Beauty.

Harriet Howard, of 203 W. 34th street, New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had salt rheum or eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c. at Howell & Jones' drug store.

Trouble Brewing at Eagle Creek.

At the next term of the county court an application will be considered for the vacation of streets and alleys in the town of Eagle Creek, which was platted and laid out for sale about one year ago by the Eagle Creek Land & Townsite Company, who have seemingly failed in their efforts to dispose of lots. It is understood that the applications to vacate the streets and alleys will be strenuously resisted by those who have purchased lots in the town site.

Dr. C. S. Seamann, physician and surgeon, office over Harding's drug store, Oregon City, Oregon. Calls attended promptly day or night.

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Oregon City and Gladstone properties for sale at low figures.

Write for full information.

40 Acres in Julia Ann Lewis Claim, 2 miles from Oregon City, all good, level land, at \$50 per acre.

128 Acres, level, living water, on Molalla, 60 acres in cultivation, rich soil, on main road, \$40 per acre.

344 Acres on O. W. P. & Ry. line, 160 acres in A 1 cultivation, small house, large barn, orchard, living springs, two million feet timber, \$50 per acre.

100 Acres, level, 60 in cultivation, good buildings, 1 1/2 miles from terminus of O. W. P. & Ry. line, at Springwater, \$40 per acre.

160-Acre Stock Ranch in Sec. 17, T. 4 S., R. 5 E., two acres cultivated, small house and barn, two million feet fir and cedar, land mostly good, range immense, \$5 per acre.

225 Acres at Logan, 100 acres in cultivation, 50 more nearly ready to break, house, barn, fruit, good neighborhood, \$30 per acre.

120 Acres on Milk Creek, 40 acres in cultivation, new house, 7 rooms, cost \$650, good out buildings, fruit, 6 cows, bull, span horses wagon, harness, 10 ton hay, all farming implements, \$2600.

145 Acres, 100 fenced, rolling land, 35 in cultivation, 40 acres heavy timber, living water, orchard, fair buildings, 1 1/2 miles to school, 13 head cattle, 2 horses, all farming implements—binder, plows, etc.; \$3000 cash.

45 Acres 4 miles from Oregon City, 1200 cords wood, over-half good land, improved farms on three sides; wood will pay for the place; \$20 per acre. Will trade.

349 Acres, 220 in A 1 cultivation, orchard, buildings, 7 acres hops, 6 miles from Hubbard, \$35 per acre.

90 Acres on main plank road, 45 acres in good cultivation, large frame barn, no house; land rich; \$3000.

30 Acres, 2 1/2 miles from Oregon City, 16 in cultivation, orchard, all varieties of fruit, splendid little place, on main road; \$2800; terms.

313 Acre stock farm at Colton, 300 acres level good soil, 20 acres in cultivation, living creeks. 3 acres orchard, large 5-room house, good out buildings—good stock farm; \$2700, cash.

160 Acres on Mill Creek, 30 acres nice cultivation, black loam, 80 acres level land, 130 acres fenced and cross fenced, acre fruit, 7-room new dwelling cost \$1000, barn 52x53 mower, rake, wagon and all implements and crop. Price very low, \$3000.

160 Acres, between Barton and Eagle Creek, on O. W. P. Railway line, level, rich soil, 6000 cords wood, will pay for place. Speculation at \$20 per acre.

80 Acres at Highland, level, good soil, 30 acres nice cultivation, fair buildings, fruit, water, a fine little farm at \$1250.

Something Doing!

I. Buckman to G. Bluhm, 25 acres,	\$1,000
E. M. Howell to J. F. May, 30 acres,	3,500
A. W. Cheney to W. S. King, 25 acres,	1,800
A. Walker to Jas. Fee, 2 1/2 acres,	500
Conrad Howaldt to W. C. Schultze, 50 acres,	5,500
I. Buckman to F. Bluhm, 60 acres,	2,400
O. T. Kay to Hall, 70 acres,	1,000
Total,	\$16,100

The above are our last month's sales. Don't you think it a good showing for the middle of winter? We get results. This is the ground on which we bid for your business, and not on long standing acquaintance or intimate friendship.

If you think we can give you the best service, list your property with us. We have a number of customers, now, for whom we are in need of suitable farms.

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