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Republican State Ticket.

- For Representative in Congress—1st District, **BINGER HERMANN**, of Douglas county.
- For Governor, **W. P. LORD**, of Marion county.
- For Secretary of State, **H. R. KINCAID**, of Lane county.
- For State Treasurer, **PHIL. METSCHAN**, of Grant county.
- For Attorney General, **C. M. IDLEMAN**, of Multnomah county.
- For Supreme Judge, **C. E. WOLVERTON**, of Linn county.
- For State School Superintendent, **G. M. IRWIN**, of Union county.
- For State Printer, **W. H. LEEDS**, of Jackson county.
- For Prosecuting Attorney, **W. N. BARRETT**, of Washington county.
- For Member of Board of Equalization, **G. WINGATE**, of Clatsop county.
- For Joint Senator for Clackamas and Marion counties, **ALONZO GESNER**, of Marion county.

Republican County Ticket.

- For State Senator, **GEO. C. BROWNELL**, of Oregon City.
- For Representatives, **GEO. O. RINEARSON**, of Abernethy.
- F. L. MINTIE**, of Oswego.
- C. B. SMITH**, of Eagle Creek.
- For County Judge, **GORDON E. HAYES**, of Oregon City.
- For County Commissioner, **FRANK JAGGAR**, of Beaver Creek.
- For Sheriff, **ELLI C. MADDOCK**, of New Era.
- For County Clerk, **GEO. F. HORTON**, of Needy.
- For County Recorder, **S. M. RAMSEY**, of Molalla.
- For County Assessor, **J. C. BRADLEY**, of Borings.
- For County Treasurer, **M. L. MOORE**, of Ely.
- For Superintendent of Schools, **H. S. GIBSON**, of Eagle Creek.
- For County Surveyor, **D. W. KINNAIRD**, of Oregon City.
- For County Coroner, **R. L. HOLMAN**, of Oregon City.
- For Justice of the Peace, District No. 4, **J. W. O'CONNELL**.
- For Constable, District No. 4, **M. F. McCOWN**.

Election June 4, 1894.

A LYING CIRCULAR.

Sent out by Democrats to the German Voters of this County.

A circular addressed to the "German Americans of Clackamas county" is being distributed by several of the democratic candidates. As it is grotesque in its claims we give it here in full. It also shows to what straits the candidates mentioned are in when they issue an appeal of this character. The circular says: "If you look over the list of candidates of the different parties you will see that the German, as is always the case, has to stand in the background. The republicans had nothing left for us, for they think that the Germans of this county are only good enough to pay the taxes, and to vote for them; but an office is not left for any of them. The other two parties are better in their friendship for them, for they have seen that two-thirds of all the inhabitants of this county are Germans and that they pay one-third of the taxes.

Let us all stand together and help the few German candidates that are nominated. It is the German farmer and laborer that made Oregon what it is, and which carries the largest burden upon its shoulders, while the American republican ring is divided among the lawyers. Is the German citizen

only good enough to vote for them? The democrats have nominated Fred Hesse as county surveyor and he is a man that understands his business.

"We will give you the names of a few more German candidates: Jas. Thorne, Dr. W. E. Carl, E. F. Driggs, J. S. Risley, Geo. J. Currin and C. W. Gaoung.

"Sheriff Ganong has collected the big sum of \$25,000 of back outstanding taxes. This shows his ability.

"Signed, Many Germans of Oregon City and Clackamas County."

MORE POPULISM.

Populism has been exemplified in Columbia county during the past two years and the officers elected at the last election have proven themselves in competent, grasping and dishonest. Of three officers chosen two years ago, one is in Africa and his bondsman would like to see him about seven thousand dollars worth; one was hung in effigy and the third is being investigated by the county court which is trying to straighten out his muddle and dishonest assessments. Of this condition the St. Helens' Mist says under the title of "Reform With a Vengeance":

"There never was such a jumbled up mess as the Columbia county assessment roll which the county court has been wrestling with this week. In many instances the same property has been assessed twice and some of it three times. There are just fifty double assessments on the tax roll. The two years of "reform" under Kysierism, Massieism, Schoonoverism and populism has cost this county dearly, and the end is not yet. The property roll is not the only mixture which the court has to contend with. The poll tax collection is in equally bad shape. A great many people paid their poll tax to Assessor Kyser, taking his receipt for the same, yet that official charged them up with it on the roll after already having received them for it. A number of these receipts have been returned to the sheriff as proof that they had already paid their poll tax although no credit was given them by the assessor. For further proof of these facts examine the records which are open to the public."

Clackamas county will hardly wait to experiment with populist doctrines or populist officers at this rate. They come high, even if they are willing to work cheap. Most any one would be willing to work cheap providing he could handle the money and help himself from the till.

FARM MORTGAGES.

For a number of years populist preachers have been lamenting the great increase of farm mortgages which, according to their statements, are plastered over almost every farm in the land. They are now met by statistics which knock their claims completely out.

In a comprehensive article in the May number of the Forum magazine on "the true meaning of mortgage statistics," Mr. Edward Atkinson, of Boston, makes a complete and effective exposure of the popular deception concerning the farm mortgage. Mr. Atkinson is one of the best known statisticians in the country. His facts and figures are drawn mainly from the census of 1890, but he verified the census figures by a private investigation of his own continued over five years and by consulting the reports of labor bureaus in many states. The basis of Mr. Atkinson's conclusions is the census bulletin giving the mortgage indebtedness for the decade from 1880 to 1889 inclusive, in thirty three states and territories. It appears that in these states and territories on January 1, 1890, only 34.17 per cent. of the real estate mortgages outstanding, or a little more than one-third, were on acres, and even of these a good but unascertained percentage was on lots just outside of towns and cities that were held for improvement. Of this money raised by mortgaging the farm, 77.38 per cent. was borrowed for the purchase or improvement of the land and more than 8 per cent. more for the purchase of durable personal property, and that only 2.82 per cent. was borrowed to meet farm or family expenses. Another significant fact brought out by Mr. Atkinson is that in twenty-two states in which the statistics of farms and homes have been completely analyzed only 32.69 per cent., or less than one-third, are under mortgage or incumbrance of any kind, and that 68 per cent. were absolutely free of debt.

SOME POPULIST FACTS.

They have had several populist officers down in Columbia county, and it has taken them less than two years to demonstrate their utter unfitness to perform faithfully the duties intrusted to them. Last winter Sheriff Massie skipped out with several thousand dollars of county funds and he may now be addressed in South Africa. The assessor is a populist, and among other things he has been collecting poll taxes in cash and neglecting to account for them or mark them paid on the assessment roll. The county is now trying to correct his crooked work, and the following notice appears in the last issue of the St. Helens' Mist. It is self explanatory. The notice reads: "All persons who have heretofore paid their poll tax for 1893 to Assessor W. H. Kyser, and which that official also charged up against them on the roll, as unpaid, are requested to call on Sheriff Watts, who will refund the several amounts doubly assessed by Kyser. By order of the County Court."

Does any one suppose that with a full set of populist officers that the stealings in Columbia county would ever have come to light? No wonder the populist candidates talk so glibly about crooked work and stealing. They evidently know how it is done, and their only anxiety is to get a whack at the crib.

A TIME TO THINK.

Under this title the Oregonian calls upon the thinking men of Oregon to pause and consider well the effect of casting a vote for populism and among other good things says: "Should it be announced, after the 4th of June, that Oregon, under the lead of Pennoyer, had declared for populist doctrines, had elected a legislature that would send

Pennoyer to the senate, had rebuked alike the national administration and the republican party, had declared for the fallacies that populism and Pennoyerism represent, what would be the effect upon the state? Who would not fear that investments in Oregon, under populist legislation, would be impaired? Who would invest any more money in the state, under such conditions? The legislature, as well as the governor, must be republican, in order to avert this danger.

"It is time for men to consider. The situation is a grave one. The republican party stands for the principles and purposes through which the interests of our state are to be conserved. Substantially it is the cause to which the party of the national administration is devoted—for the national administration and the republican party are at one in opposition to the financial and socialistic follies and dangers with which the country is threatened. The state of Oregon would better have drought and pestilence, and any of the dread visitations of heaven, than a populist legislature; and the city of Portland could better accept any other calamity than the reputation that it had passed under populist control. Our citizens have need of credit in all the varied operations of business; who would grant it? The situation is one that demands the attention of the people of Oregon, more than any other with which they have been confronted at any period of their history.

TO RESTRICT SUFFRAGE.

The people of Louisiana are thinking seriously of making a few changes in the organic laws of their state. An amendment prescribing the qualifications for suffrage, was adopted at a recent constitutional convention and it will be submitted to the people for approval. It reads as follows:

"Every male citizen of the United States, by birth or naturalization, who is twenty-one years old or upward, possessing the following qualifications shall be an elector to vote at any election by the people as hereinafter provided: 1. He shall be an actual resident of the state one year next preceding the election at which he offers his vote. 2. He shall be an actual resident of the parish in which he offers to vote at least six months preceding the election. 3. He shall be an actual resident of the ward in which he offers to vote at least thirty days next preceding the election. 4. He shall be a registered voter. 5. He shall have paid his poll tax for the year next preceding the election. He shall be able to read the constitution of the state in his mother tongue, or shall be the bona fide owner of property, real or personal, located in this state and assessed to him for the year next preceding the election at a cash valuation of not less than \$200."

It is possible and probable that this amendment is intended to restrict negro suffrage. It would undoubtedly lessen the number of colored qualified voters by many thousands. But that is not perhaps to be deplored. No distinctions are made except such as apply to all classes. The voter is coined too easily in this country and it were better for all concerned to have the right of suffrage so circumscribed as to secure more intelligent voting. America should be ruled by intelligence and not by ignorance; by honest men and not rogues. The experiment in Louisiana will be watched with considerable interest.

FOR EXAMPLE.

That Welsh tin-plate makers are waiting anxiously for the passage of the Wilson bill is plainly evident from the following quotations. The South Wales News says:

"At present nearly half of the mills in the trade are idle; and directly it is certain about when the repeal (of the McKinley law) will come into force, there may be general preparations for a restart of the 200 mills or so now idle. But much depends on the date fixed for the McKinley duty ceasing, and the old low duty taking its place. * * * The great hope is that the repeal will be as soon as possible."

The Western Mail, published at Cardiff, Wales, says, referring to the Wilson bill:

"The material reduction in the tariff (made in the Wilson bill) virtually involves the extinction of the tin plate making in America."

Speaking also of the Wilson bill, which cuts the duty on imported tin plate from 2.2 cents a pound to 1 cent, as it was under the tariff of 1883, the Pall Mall Gazette, London, remarks:

"The reduction on tin plate from 2.2 cents per pound to 1 cent per pound, is a great concession, and ought to stimulate exports from South Wales so as to make up for the distress of 1891-1892."

Why are the Welsh mills idle? Simply because of the starting and growth of the industry in the United States. When the McKinley law was passed, there was not a tin-plate mill in the United States. Mills were built, and in the first year, ended July 1, 1893, we produced about 108,000,000 pounds of tin and tern plate. For the half year ended December 31 last we produced nearly 55,000,000 pounds. There are thirty-nine firms in the United States engaged in the manufacture. That is the reason so many Welsh mills are idle.

ENOUGH POPULISM.

The experience of Mr. Van B. DeLambert in trying to be a populist is tersely expressed in a recent communication to the Oregonian. He says:

"In my dissatisfied mood I explored the populist camp. I found that they were not only with me in free coinage, but that they proposed to 'go me one better.' I discovered that I was leaving a political camp with too little money for one with too much money; that the farmer would have his out-buildings filled with it and stacks of it in the open field; that the mechanic would have his tools made of silver and the laborer his nightshirt made of paper money. I found that men of my belief dare not trust themselves in their hands. Besides, the industrial, commercial and financial condition of the country would be injured and retarded, and the influx of capital would be prevented by their success in Oregon. No matter what our private opinion may be, there can be no denying the fact that that

element of public opinion which gives to this country its stability is dead-set against any section dominated by populistic control. Oregon cannot afford to thus ostracize herself from the good grace of this element of the outside world at this particular juncture.

"The populists are erratic, rampant, inconsistent and suspicious; will not heed, advice nor listen to reason. They are swayed by zealots and controlled by demagogues. In order to become one of them, a man must shut his eyes to reason and his conscience to conviction and play upon their prejudices and credulity."

According to the Astoria Budget, a practical sawmill man says that for every million feet of sawed lumber produced, six million feet of timber is required—that is, five million feet is wasted. In every process through which a tree goes from the stump to the lumber yard there is careless and vicious waste. It is impossible to remedy this by law, because the timber wasted is generally private property. It is cheaper to buy new timber areas than to potter with odds and ends. But it is not in odds and ends that the waste is greatest; it is in the wanton destruction of small trees by burning over "logged" districts. Our forests will grow more valuable from this time forward, and small groves now comparatively worthless will twenty years from now yield fortunes. Besides, something is due to the people who will occupy this country in the years to come. The importance of timber preservation cannot be too strongly urged.

JUDGING from his speeches Dr. J. Casto is feeling aggrieved that the ESTERPRISE should charge him with trying to work the grauge in his interest. In a recent speech he first charged that the ESTERPRISE lied in making the statement, then devoted fifteen minutes to proving that it told the truth by appealing to his granger friends in the audience to vote for him, telling them how much he loved the order, and what great things he had done for it. He seemingly forgot for a time, so earnest did he become in his plea for the grauge vote, that he was not in a hall of the order, for he addressed himself to the "brothers and sisters." "Brother" Casto should be more consistent in his campaigning or he is likely to convince his hearers that he and not the ESTERPRISE is a disciple of Annanias.

GEO. C. SEARS, the independent candidate for sheriff in Multnomah county, makes a grave admission over his own signature when he states that he did not return a correct assessment roll as he was sworn to do. What right had he to default the state of taxes due, in violation of his oath of office? Officers are subject to impeachment for such malfeasance in office. In this case he has furnished the proof. The voters of Multnomah county may well question the wisdom of placing in office a man who deliberately violates his oath of office and then boasts of it, for if he will go contrary to his sworn duty in one respect he is likely to prove false in other respects.

DR. C. B. SMITH, of Eagle Creek, may not have as many acquaintances in the republican party as some of the other candidates on the ticket, but in the northern part of the county where he has resided for a long time he is well known as a physician of good standing with a practice extending from Damascus to the summit of the Cascades. As a man he is esteemed, and by none more than by those who know him best. He is well informed on matters of general interest, capable, and possessed of that sterling integrity which makes him desirable as a legislator at this time.

J. C. BRADLEY has made a competent and reliable assessor notwithstanding his populist competitor's stories to the contrary. The books were never better kept than during the past year. Read the experience of Columbia county, then prevent any chance of its being repeated in Clackamas county by re-electing plain, every day John C. Bradley.

For a party that professes to own all the political purity extant, the populists show a familiarity with ways that are dark that might well surprise the uninitiated. There is no political trick that they are not familiar with and the strangest part of the whole business is that they are always willing to practice them.

We would suggest to our German friends that they address the candidates on the democratic ticket, who are posing as Germans, in that language, and ascertain how many of them came from Germany. It is just possible that the circular which is not signed at all makes a mistake—say half a dozen of the candidates mentioned.

GER WHITE! Seven Germans on the Democratic county ticket. This will be great news to some people. The election beer and limberger must be unusually strong this year to make so big a killing in so short a time.

As the result of the statistics showing a large increase in the number of youthful criminals, the German ministry of the interior is discussing a reorganization of the system of compulsory education.

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