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The way to build up Oregon City is to give Oregon City people your patronage.

### WILL CATTLE RAISING PAY?

The outlook for cattle raising is not discouraging as many think it is, or at least not as bad as it has been for the past few years. There being no more great ranges to stock with cattle, and the demand constantly increasing with the growth of the country, the chances for the farmers who are able to handle only a limited number of cattle, are constantly growing better. The man that has a good beef steer two or three years hence will realize a handsome price for it and find it one of the best paying products of his farm. On this subject the Prairie Farmer, one of the best posted agricultural papers in the United States, has the following:

Cattle raising in the United States should always be profitable in the future, although with other things prices will fluctuate. In the immediate future it is certain to be profitable. Several reasons may be assigned in support of this view. First, the capacity for the ranges to produce cannot be greatly increased, as they are now carrying about all the animals that the pastures grown upon them will properly maintain, and range pastures cannot easily be improved as those can which are located in arable sections. Second, during recent years there has been a decline in the number of the really good meat-producing animals grown outside of the ranges. These have been supplanted by animals kept for dairy uses. When the breeding stocks are thus reduced they cannot be quickly increased again, as is the case with swine and also with sheep. And third, it is at least questionable if the increase of beef cattle in this country is keeping pace with the increase of population. The home market may be expected to increase, therefore, until a time will come when it will probably absorb all which is grown for beef.

But yet it should be borne in mind that at a certain season of the year cattle may fetch a low price. When the bulk of the range cattle reach the market, prices cannot be dear. But cattle finished on the range can never compete with those finished in the yard or stall at certain seasons of the year, more especially those of late winter and early spring. Here then is a season at which good, well finished cattle, such as are denominated prime and extra prime, should bring good prices in all the future, as the home demand for this class of beef will continually increase with the increase of the population, whatever may be the nature of the foreign demand. The farmer, therefore, who turns his attention to cattle raising should look well to the character of the breeding of the same. He should aim at the production of prime animals, and the prices will not be disappointing.

### THE BUREAU OF ROAD INQUIRY.

It may not be generally known that the United States government is adding the cause of good roads, but such a fact. In March, 1893, congress approved an act establishing, in connection with the department of agriculture at Washington, a branch department known as the Bureau of Road Inquiry. The bureau according to the provisions of the act, has four branches, as follows:

1. To make inquiries in regard to the systems of road management in the United States.
  2. To make investigation in regard to the best methods of road making.
  3. To prepare didactic publications on this subject suitable for publication.
  4. To assist agricultural colleges in disseminating information on this subject.
- This bureau has as its chief the noted engineer and inventor, Gen. Roy Stone, of New York city. Gen. Stone is devoting great energy to his work and already the bureau is exerting a very wide influence.

The attendance at the convention that is being worked up to be held next week to nominate candidates in opposition to the law and order ticket will demonstrate how many hypocrites took part in the law and order convention. A pretty accurate poll was kept, and of those who voted and took part, it is quite certain that not half a dozen will play the two-faced game.

Who are the "committee" that has called a citizens' convention for next Monday night?

### A REPRESENTATIVE CONVENTION.

The vote of the law and order convention Tuesday evening was the largest ever cast at a municipal convention in Oregon City, while the enthusiasm and harmony that prevailed was but another evidence of the interest taken by the citizens of Oregon City in securing the enforcement of law. The convention was made up of the better element of the city and embraced a large percentage of the leading citizens. Its deliberations were characterized by moderation; no extreme or radical measures were considered or entertained. The expressed idea was that there is need for a cleaner municipal government and an enforcement of the ordinances now in force, and its candidates were chosen with that end in view.

The candidates are all representative citizens, men whose public and private lives are clean, and who by long years of residence in the city are known to be men of integrity who will discharge their duties faithfully and efficiently. They are all property owners and tax-payers in the city, and we may expect at their hands careful, conservative administration of the affairs of Oregon City.

The failure of the State Insurance Company is another proof that it pays to be honest in business matters. There was a time when the State practically controlled the farm and residence insurance in Oregon, but the employment of dishonest agents and unscrupulous adjusters has brought the company into such disrepute that for the last few years there has been a steady decline in its business. Had its business been kept up to what it was eight or ten years ago it could easily have tided over its present troubles; but the managers were not satisfied with reasonable profits—their success appearing to turn their heads,—and they began to insure old log barns and stacks of houses for three or four times their value, and then when a loss occurred a shrewd adjuster paid what he saw fit to the dishonest dupe, who, like the company, went in to get something for nothing, but lacked the brains to win. Had the management of the company been in as honest hands as it now is, it would be, instead of a hopeless wreck, one of the strongest companies on the Coast, and would be an institution that every citizen in Oregon could take pride in. The Enterprise wishes Manager Giltner success in his efforts to revive the corpse, for he has a hard task; he should have taken the case ten years sooner.

ALREADY the statement is being circulated that the law and order ticket is pledged to and was nominated for the express purpose of making Oregon City a prohibition town; the idea being to draw off the conservative, temperance vote from its support. The Enterprise can state truthfully that neither the candidates nor their supporters entertain or expect to carry out such ideas. If these men are elected they will treat the saloons as other business houses of the city, and only demand that they obey the ordinances now in force, which are rigid enough to suit all except possibly some radical temperance man. What the law and order league does expect of its candidates where elected is that the disorderly saloons will be made to observe the laws, and that minors will be kept out of the saloons, gambling dens suppressed, and prostitution carried on less boldly. These are demands that every man who has a family and who believes in the preservation and sanctity of the home, can and will support.

Some comment has been indulged in on what was supposed to be the excessive bills of the street commissioner against the city. That his charges are not exorbitant can be easily proven by examining the itemized bill filed each month with the recorder, which is open to inspection at all times. Mr. Babcock is paid by the day and only for the time that he actually is employed on street work. The excess on his work is for men and teams hired by him and which he properly accounts for. It is only as a matter of convenience for the men that the warrant is drawn in Mr. Babcock's name, as they are saved the bother of finding a buyer, and a large warrant does not suffer the discount that a small one does.

The Salem Statesman, which has the merited honor of being, next to the Oregonian, the best daily in Oregon, has the following to say regarding the getting out of a daily paper in Oregon City: "The Oregon City Enterprise, always, a good weekly, says the question is often asked why it does not issue a daily. Answering the query the Enterprise sensibly says it will get out a daily when the business of the town will justify the publication of a good one—and not before; it does not want to run a slipshoddy affair. And the Enterprise is right."

JUDGING by the limited number of democratic aspirants for presidential honors, it would appear that the would-be presidents of that faith have given it up as a foregone conclusion that the republicans will name the next president. It is rather tough on the faithful, for they will have had only two short pulls in thirty-six years, and the probabilities are good that it will be another quarter of a century before the people want another change and the democracy get back again.

HAD Mr. Canfield received the nomination for mayor the law and order element would have supported him as strongly as they now will Dr. Powell. Mr. Canfield is a man who has always shown himself to be on the side of law and order, and his influence and vote will be for the enforcement of the laws of Oregon City. In the contest in convention it was two good men to be voted for, and the decision of the majority will be abided by.

THE forthcoming city election promises to be the hottest ever witnessed in Oregon City, and it behooves every man and woman who believes in the enforcement of our laws and in the protection of our boys and girls, to work hard for the success of the law and order ticket.

Why publish this self-appointed "committee" doesn't the ticket they expect to have voted for at next Monday night's convention?

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and it is also the price of law and order. If the better element in Oregon City expect to win in the present contest they must be vigilant and have the courage to back up their convictions.

### SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Giving the Indians full citizenship with freedom from tribal restraint and government control, is not, it appears, giving the best of results to either the Indians or the white taxpayers in the districts in which the reservations were situated. The following protest is from the McMinnville Transcript and is self explanatory: "It was a fine thing for the government to unload its Indian wards onto the districts in which the reservations are situated; but it is tough on the taxpayers. As it was when the Indian was an Indian, nothing more, for any trivial violation he was taken before the Indian court, had his trial and justice meted out to him, without expense to any one. But now for every grievance complaint is made in the 'white man's court,' and the taxpayers have the burden to bear. It is no wonder, then, that Yarnhill and Polk counties raise a kick on the status. Our jail has three Indians that must be fed and cared for during five months, besides the costs to be incurred in trial fees, etc., while Polk has been feeding one the past five months. We believe that the Indians should be put right back into their former condition. It will be better for them and better for the people at large."

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Lutheran General Council, recently convened at Easton, Pennsylvania, represents one of the largest of the many branches into which the Lutherans of this country are divided. All told, they numbered in 1890 nearly one million and a quarter, or very nearly as many as the total membership of the various divisions of the Presbyterian family. Thus the Lutherans are fourth in numerical strength among the Protestant denominations of the United States, only the Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians exceeding them, in total membership. They are more than twice as many as the Episcopalians and as the Congregationalists. The doctrines of Lutheranism generally are embodied in the Augsburg Confession and other standards, and justification by faith alone is the cardinal article of its creed. It rejects the transubstantiation of the Roman Church, yet holds that "in the holy supper there are present with the elements, and are received sacramentally and supernaturally, the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ."—Argonaut.

The Rev. W. Carlie, an English rector, has just issued the remarkable statement that he has made arrangements for the safe custody of bicycles while the riders are attending his services. The machines will be under the care of the vergers in one of the vestibules of the church.

At a gathering of King's Daughters at London, Ontario, the other day, Mrs. Graham, of Toronto, on being asked if dancing should be tolerated, replied: "Yes, but only in the morning, an hour before breakfast, and then the woman should dance with her husband or brother."

The distinction of possessing the fastest vessel in the world belongs for the present to Russia—the Sokol, Anglfied Hawk, which has just been constructed for the Muscovite government, having attained at her trial trip, a few weeks ago, twenty-nine and three-quarter knots, or thirty-four and one-quarter miles, an hour, nearly four knots more than Great Britain's much vaunted Havock.

As an indication of the extreme rarity of possibly unjust convictions, Dr. Austin Flint says that "in the examination of nearly one hundred and fifty convict witnesses in the late investigation of the Elmira reformatory, not more than one or two hesitated to admit their guilt."

Fifty-two creameries are reported in Washington, and the daily output of the different creameries and factories throughout the state is 7,900 pounds of butter and about 2,400 pounds of cheese, and an annual production of butter of 2,190,000 pounds, of cheese 547,000 pounds, and an annual consumption of butter of 2,920,000 pounds, and of cheese 730,000 pounds. The state of Washington has made a striking advance in the production of butter since 1891, when the annual production was only 5 per cent of the amount consumed, while the figures given above indicate that this percentage has been raised until it stands in 1895 at over 70 per cent.

The report of the commissioner of immigration shows that 238,536 immigrants arrived in the United States during the last fiscal year. This is the smallest immigration since 1879. The hard times is still deterring aliens from seeking our shores, it seems.

Venezuela is not by any means so feeble and helpless as Americans are prone to believe. Her finances are in excellent condition. She owes only \$13,000,000; her yearly revenue is \$10,000,000; her credit is good; she has about 600 miles of railroad, all built within the last ten years; her people are warlike; she has a regular army of 5,000 to 8,000 men, well drilled and well armed. Three years ago President Cresco bought 40,000 Mansur rifles; if it comes to fighting, Venezuela can put from 90,000 to 100,000 patriots in the field. "The British cannot transport enough troops to conquer us," says Minister Andrade, in a Washington interview, and her people are ready and willing to try the game of war with the world's great land-grabber.

Mr. Cleveland will be a statesman out of a job in a little over a year now, but his work is already done. We can all see the purpose of it now. He was born to wreck the democratic party, and he has worked out his destiny. There will be no need of a third term.—San Francisco Bulletin.

A careful estimate of the Florida orange crop is 100,000 boxes, which is quite a drop from the 5,000,000 boxes of the season of 1893-94. But the new growth of trees is doing exceedingly well, and ought to be producing again within three years. It is predicted that five years hence the crop will be as large as ever.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder  
 Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

### POLITICAL METHOD.

TO THE EDITOR: The accusation of "secrecy" in the method by which the Reform League chose its ticket for the coming city election, made by the so-called "Independent" paper, perhaps calls for a plain statement, that the order loving people may not be deceived. The league found much difficulty in obtaining men to take the positions who could be entrusted to enforce the laws. They found plenty of men who could be trusted, but they would not take the positions. They found plenty of men who would take the positions, even anxious for them, but they could not be trusted; and so a careful search was made—and the search was not headed by a brass band. It would perhaps have been better to have followed the methods of the saloon politicians, and kept the names a secret and run in a gang of beelers, stamped the convention with a cut and dried plan, and rushed the ticket through. The league preferred a more honorable method, and frankly placed the ticket before the convention at its opening, with a simple statement that every man on the ticket could be entrusted to enforce the laws. There was so little secrecy about their action that they allowed the names of the ticket to be made public several days before the convention was called. The law abiding people will recognize this cry of "secrecy" as a trick of the saloon politicians."—H. E. FSNIX.

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