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

### PATRIOTISM, PROTECTION, and PROSPERITY.

FOR PRESIDENT—WILLIAM MCKINLEY, of Ohio.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—GARRETT A. HOBART, of New Jersey.

### STATE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Presidential Electors—T. T. GEER, of Marion county. S. M. YORAN, of Lane. E. L. SMITH, of Wasco. J. F. CAPLES, of Multnomah.

### THAT FRANCHISE.

The granting of a franchise to the Clackamas-McIntyre Boom Company has become a thing of reality. The matter has provoked considerable comment pro and con, but the court considered that the people, living along the Clackamas who own timber, were the parties directly concerned. On Tuesday the court made its final order condemning the Clackamas river for commercial purposes, and granting a ten years franchise to the boom company. The court did the proper thing in limiting the time of the lease to ten years. Mr. Cross, the most directly interested remonstrator, has the privilege of concessions that protect his interests to a considerable extent.

In making the order the court considered the benefits that would accrue to settlers along the Clackamas, by enabling them to market their timber. In the terms of the lease the court has thrown around every safeguard to protect the interests of the people directly concerned, and the company is required to expend a certain amount in the first year in improving the river. If the terms of the lease are rigidly enforced by the county court, it will prove of great advantage to the settlers of the Clackamas region, in enabling them to market their timber, as they are promised transportation without toll for stone, wood and bolts. Otherwise, if the terms of the lease are not rigidly enforced the boom company will have the power to oppress the people. It is hoped, however, that the franchise will have the result of meeting the expectations of the people who have urgently requested it, as they are in urgent need of a market for their timber.

The growth of the Young Men's Christian Association in Oregon City has been almost phenomenal. Only a little over three months has elapsed since the association was organized, and it now has a membership of nearly 400. At the beginning its most enthusiastic advocates did not dream of such a rapid growth. Under the management of Secretary Johnson it has prospered beyond expectation, but its good work has only begun. Its members must be brought to realize that they must take an interest in its work, and appreciate its advantages; they must assist in making it a pleasant home for the young men of Oregon City where they can spend their spare hours. Of course a new building is one of the urgent necessities, and will be erected. The Association is one of the grandest institutions for bettering the condition of young men ever organized in Oregon City; it fills a long desired want in providing a cheerful place for young men and boys to spend their evenings. The lack of such a place has resulted in leading many young men to ruin. Nine-tenths of the young men who fall into dissipated habits do not do so from choice; it is the result of association, and a lack of suitable places of recreation and amusement.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY is in great demand at this time as a Fourth of July orator. Even the Chautauqua assembly would not be averse to securing him as one of their speakers at Gladstone park. It is but just that a man who has been designated by the republican party as the proper person to administer the affairs of the country in a way that would redound to the prosperity of the people, should be in demand on a great national day like Fourth of July. Since the principles of the McKinley bill have been repealed the people of the land have

fed on husks and hungered for better times. With the nomination of McKinley the people of the land feel that the hour of deliverance is at hand; that the dawn of better times will soon be realized. Mr. McKinley represents the highest type of American manhood. As a citizen he stands for whatever is calculated to better the condition of the people, and is the chief representative of the political organization that is to deliver the whole country from the thralldom of bankruptcy. Next Saturday should be a day of thanksgiving for the good that is about to come, as well as a day of outpouring of patriotism.

OREGON CITY claims the honor, and rightfully, too, of being the most solid town financially, in the state. As proof of this it may be stated that the Y. M. C. A. teams in their contest for new members to that organization turned into its treasury \$307.00 as fees received from these new members. When it is noted that this large sum was paid in largely by boys and young men, and not by the wealthy men of the town, it can be seen that Oregon City is not feeling the pressure of hard times like so many of the towns on this Coast. The great pay roll that our factories give Oregon City place it far ahead of any town that has only a country trade to depend on. With the return of good times another year this place will witness a boom far greater than it has ever before had and one that will make it among the leading manufacturing cities of the country.

THE Wilhoit stage is again on the route from Oregon City, and it is earnestly hoped by the proprietors of the line, and the numerous passengers that travel that way, that the highwaymen who occasionally held up the coach and passengers last summer, have retired from business. One thing is certain, that the men who made a regular business of holding up the stage last year did not retire with a competency. It came to be a regular every day matter, to be expected, and the passengers carried very little money with them. If the robbers conclude to resume business this summer, they should consider that they run considerable risk of getting caught, and besides some passenger might fire a bullet at them for a change. The profits in the business are small, and attended with considerable risk.

ASSENT the recent convention, it is interesting to note that six out of eleven republican presidential nominations have been by a single ballot. The record is as follows: First, 1856, Philadelphia, one ballot, Fremont; second, 1860, Chicago, four ballots, Lincoln; third, 1864, Baltimore, one ballot, Grant; fourth, 1868, Chicago, one ballot, Grant; fifth, 1872, one ballot, Grant; sixth, 1876, Cincinnati, seven ballots, Hayes; seventh, 1880, Chicago, thirty-six ballots, Garfield; eighth, 1884, Chicago, four ballots, Blaine; ninth, 1888, Chicago, eight ballots, Harrison; tenth, 1892, Minneapolis, one ballot, Harrison; eleventh, 1896, St. Louis, one ballot, McKinley.

A FEW weeks ago the ENTERPRISE urged the importance of keeping the streets in a more cleanly condition. Main street presented a most untidy appearance, and gave visitors anything but favorable impressions of the city which receives more visitors than any citizen in Oregon, except Portland. The street committee is to be complimented, and especially Street Commissioner Babcock on the improved order of things. Under the direction of Commissioner Babcock Main street is constantly kept free of superfluous rubbish, a matter for which the public truly feels thankful.

THE Sunday Welcome in commenting on the availability of certain timber for presidential candidates before the Chicago convention, as none of the big men will take it, suggests General Kilfeather for that place. General Kilfeather is well known in Oregon City, where he had the contract for building the foundation of the Willamette block. Mr. Kilfeather would no doubt be acceptable to the Clackamas county democracy.

SEVERAL new improvements in and around Oregon City will become a matter of reality before many days. Lower Seventh street is to be graveled, and it is not improbable, but that a sewerage system will be established on the hill. Information comes, too, from a reliable source, that the finishing touches to the new electric station will be pushed to completion this year.

TAKE your wife and children for at least one day's outing, and attend the Chautauqua. It will do you good and make them happier and healthier.

### SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

The sharp and businesslike organization of the new republican national committee is in refreshing contrast with the false starts, and the confusion in the outset, in the last one. Mr. Mark Hanna has been unanimously chosen as chairman; he has accepted, and has entered upon his duties.

The contempt which the American people have for Teller, Cannon & Co., whose dramatic bolt at the St. Louis convention caused the sensation, is the same felt by Oregonians for Judge Nortrup & Co. who bolted here last spring. There is only this difference: Teller had the larger audience. —Hillsboro Independent.

It will be no surprise to those who know either Governor McKinley or Mark Hanna to find the latter able to say that his chief assumes the candidacy of his party absolutely free from promise or obligation of any sort except to his party and the country. We believe that he will enter the White House the same way.

Those who have been solicitous about McKinley's position on the money question will find it well stated in one of his recent speeches to a congratulating delegation. "My countrymen," he said, "there is another thing the people are determined upon, and that is that the work of full days must be paid for in full dollars." —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

He is peculiarly the right man for the place. His selection means that this is to be a campaign of the people for the candidate chosen by the people; that the candidate is to have from start to finish the loyal

support of his party, guided by the ablest and most trusted of his friends; and that the victory is to be for the people and the country—not for a ring of self-seeking bosses.

Mr. Hanna has proved himself a prince of organizers, and he works in politics on the same lines of honesty and honorable directness that have given him his great success in his ordinary business and the high standing he enjoys in the community in which he has long lived, and wherever he is known. Above all, he is a republican because he believes with his whole soul in republicanism. —New York Tribune.

The Portland Welcome makes the following comment on the national democratic convention, to be held in Chicago: "If the democrats, assembled in convention at Chicago, are determined to nominate a free silver candidate, there is plenty of good democratic material to choose from, without going over to the little Teller faction of republicans, or becoming a tail for the populist kite. The democratic party comprises far more voters than adhere to any party except the republican; often it outvotes the republicans; hence if there is to be a fusion, and the democrats are to go for silver, it must be the democratic party that shall have the most to say about candidate and policies."

The New York World says that security holders at home and investors abroad do not realize the meaning of the St. Louis platform. The World adds: "We believe that we are correct in the statement that the adoption of the platform by the St. Louis convention, with its specific declaration for the gold standard, is the first declaration by a great party in this country in favor of gold." The World is not correct in its statement. The St. Louis platform did not declare for gold. It simply declares for the maintenance of the single gold standard until leading commercial nations will unite in a movement to establish bimetallicism. —S. F. Bulletin.

The people of this country, the Herald predicts, will make it known at the polls next fall that they are in favor of a tariff that will put a stop to borrowing money in time of peace and which will enable the government to pay as it goes, and at the same time protect our own people. This is the sort of doctrine the McKinley ticket stands upon. It is for the people to decide whether they will return to the tried and true policy which has made the nation prosperous or whether they will go on experimenting and kicking up a financial rumpus to be repeated at leisure during another four years of hard times. —Albany Herald.

ONE of the most galling results of the democratic tariff is the fact that last year China shipped us 25,000,000 pounds of wool free of duty. If that money which went to pay for Chinese labor on the plains of China could have been equally divided among the voting population of Oregon, it would have been nearly forty dollars to each. And that is only the money we send to China for wool—out of a total of over thirty millions to other countries. Some Oregon farmers will still continue to vote to enrich China and such countries, in order that they may get free silver legislation which enriches only the mine owner. A vote for McKinley and Hobart next November means keeping our money at home by paying our farmers for wool, etc., instead of enriching China and other foreign countries. —Independence West Side.

### REPLY TO MR. CURRIN.

EAGLE CREEK, June 29.—TO THE EDITOR: Please allow me space to reply to an attack on me in your paper last week. This attack was made by one Geo. J. Currin, of Currinsville, and was altogether unwarranted and uncalled for. In the letter referred to I did not try to advise the county court what to do in the matter, and it seems to me that any one with half an eye could see that that was not the intention of the writer of the article. This stab was made for the sole intent and purpose of belittling me in the estimation of persons who might read it, whether they had more than one eye or not.

As to the evils I pointed out that might come to pass in the event the charter was granted: it is still well enough to watch and see that they are not carried into effect by the company. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and it will apply to this case as well as any other, Geo. J. Currin to the contrary notwithstanding.

I pointed out a few things so that people might have a better chance to study the matter over; so that if they had not seen them before they might be made aware whether they were drifting in this matter. In the matter of wearing out the seat of my pants writing communications to the Herald being the only perceptible thing I do, I will simply say that I make my living by an honest toil as ever Currin did, and possibly more so. It is hardly probable that a man who will run for an office and not see it till he is past it, would have sufficient range of vision to see the seat of a man's pants, especially if he happened to be more than ten feet away.

In the matter of political digs referred to, I have never made an assertion in my communications but they were backed up by facts and could be proven.

One thing certain, I do not land the grandeur of the single gold standard and wear a Cleveland badge on the seat of my pants at the same time. I never left my party to join another for the sake of getting an office. If I were sent to the legislature I would not change my vote on any measure after I had once voted in the interest of the people, and vote against them for the simple promise of support in another campaign. The man must think I know enough to get in out of the rain, or he would not make his closing remarks for others to take his advice and consult me before going ahead in matters similar to this.

Yours, respectfully, F. H. KIRO.  
Letter List.  
The following is the list of letters remaining in the post office at Oregon City, Oregon, on July, 1896:  
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