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

A GOOD WORK WELL DONE.

It was given out long ago and maintained until recently by the republican national committee, that there was only a remote hope of carrying Oregon for McKinley. It must be admitted that to the people in the East, our crushing defeat of last June was not to be so easily overcome, and they could see not any hope for the state's redemption from populism, but to the republicans of Oregon, who were familiar with the causes that produced the disaster of our spring election, it was seen that those causes and conditions did not exist now and that with a strong and united effort the state could be made to roll up her old time majorities for the republican party. With this determination every republican in the state from the most obscure citizen to the most influential man went to work to win every vote possible for the cause of protection, sound money and law and order, and the result of this united and harmonious effort is seen in the magnificent majority given in this county and in the entire state for the republican nominee for president.

Much of the credit for this great victory is due to Mr. Sol Hirsch, chairman of the state central committee, and the committee's secretary, Judge O. N. Denny, and the assistant secretary, Mr. A. W. Cleaver; while in this county to Mr. S. M. Ramsby, chairman of the county central committee, and Mr. T. F. Ryan, the secretary of the committee, is due in a great measure the changing of a populist majority of 443 that was given last June to a majority of 264 for McKinley. With but few exceptions there was not a prominent republican in the state, but what did his full part in the campaign and in the assignment of speakers the state central committee found each man ready and willing to go where he was wanted even to the most remote and inaccessible places in the state for each man realized that the success of the republican party meant the hastening of the day when his business would again be prosperous and his products and his labor bring a just compensation.

TO WORK FOR OREGON CITY.

Greely said the way to resume was to resume and the way to revive business is for all to take hold, now that there is no fear of that money and free trade, and extricate the country from the dependency into which it has fallen. One institution here in Oregon City that needs new life put into it is the board of trade. It has been one of the chief factors in bringing Oregon City up to the prosperous condition it now enjoys as compared with other towns on the Coast and the work of the board is just begun for the development of Oregon City and Clackamas county are as yet in their infancy. The wonderful advantages and resources of our city and county are scarcely known outside of the state and to induce a capitalist to invest with us, factories to locate here and people to occupy our vacant farming land, is work that the board of trade should work unceasingly for.

Spokane was built up in the midst of what Oregonians would call a desert, into one of the most prosperous cities in the Union by the indomitable pluck and energy of her people and if the citizens of Oregon City would display the confidence and pride in their town that the people of Spokane, Minneapolis and Seattle have shown for their towns, this place instead of being a slow plodding town of 5,000 population would soon have 25,000 people within its limits and factories and mills, sufficient to use up all of the power that is now going to waste over the falls of the Willamette, and the surrounding country would be made into one of the richest and most prosperous farming districts in Oregon.

Next Monday is the regular meeting night of the board of trade and every member should make it a point to attend and assist in inaugurating a winter's work for the board that it may be the means of bringing a greater growth and prosperity to this city than ever known before.

Since their crushing defeat of Tuesday some of the populists of this city have been attributing the great republican majorities in the five Oregon City and suburban precincts to the coercion of their hands by the

managers of the factories and mills. Such a charge is an insult to the intelligence and independence of the laboring men of Oregon City for they would resent as quick as any other set of Americans any interference with their rights at the ballot box, besides it would be impossible to force them or any other men to vote as their employers would dictate for the Australian system effectually prevents such interference. This malicious charge is also an insult and contemptible fling at the honor and integrity of the men, who have by investing their capital with us, built up the great factories and mills which have been the means of making Oregon City the most prosperous town on the Pacific Coast and of giving employment to hundreds of laboring men who otherwise might have had many a long, weary tramp before they could have secured so good a job as they now enjoy in the mills of this city.

A comparison of the vote last Tuesday with that of last June will show how great is our victory in Clackamas county. For supreme judge which is more of a non-partisan office than any other voted for, the vote last June stood: Gaston, populist, 2331; Bean, republican, 1908; Barnett, democrat, 484, including the populist majority on this office of 443, over the republican nominee. On congressman Vandenberg, populist got 2380; Tongue, republican 1773; Myers, democrat, 504 and Christianson, prohibition, 153, giving Vandenberg a majority over Tongue of 617. In this election the average vote for the McKinley electors was 2600 and for the Bryan electors 2375, making the majority for McKinley over Bryan 276. This shows that a gain of 709 voters in this county was made to the republican ranks since the election of last June, taking the vote of supreme judge as a basis, and it indicates the strong hold that the principles of the republican party have upon the voters of Clackamas county when national issues are at stake.

It is one of the characteristics of our race that even brothers will fall out and call each other hard names. This is shown in the conduct of the Courier toward the Three Sisters-Press. After encouraging the Three Sisters to come to Oregon City and aiding its publishers by the use of his press and type to get out their paper, the editor of the Courier now comes out and publishes the following withering obituary notice of his esteemed contemporary: "The Press accuses the Courier of 'bullheaded stupidity.' To reach this sage conclusion, it, with knavish duplicity, perverts the sense and meaning of three or four lines clipped almost from the center of a paragraph in the Courier, thus imparting to them that sophisticated lucidity which is peculiar to the Press; but what else can one expect from a sheet that has a semi-weekly spasm of galloping consumption and is speeding to an untimely hole in the newspaper boneyard?"

It will be interesting to note just where the newspapers who were formerly democratic but who have lately been supporting Bryan will be at, in the language of the street, when politics resume their normal condition. The populists having absconded their wing of the democratic party and there being populist papers enough to control all the patronage that may be given the free silver people, the ex-democratic papers will be left like the prodigal son to feed upon husks of the populist pig sty and eventually to hunger and die. Such is the condition of the popocratic papers in this county, the Courier subscribers having gone per force into the populist ranks, they will naturally be drawn to the populist paper with the result that the Herald will prosper while the Courier will wither and die.

There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of many people as to the time when Congressman-elect Thos. H. Tongue takes his seat in congress, the impression being prevalent that he takes his seat at the beginning of the session next month. The law provides that a congressman shall take his seat in the regular session following his election and as the session to convene in December is the second session of the 54th congress, Mr. Hermann will retain his seat for the entire session for which he was elected and consequently will not go out of office until December 1897. On that date the 55th congress will meet and Mr. Tongue will take his seat to hold office for the succeeding two years.

In accordance with his usual custom for the month preceding a city election, his honor, the mayor, has had all the gambling rooms closed in Oregon City, and the gentlemen with the deft fingers and affable manners, who congregate in towns having a large pay roll like Oregon City, like buzzards around a tempting bit of carrion, are taking a brief vacation and will spend this month in other towns where no city election is at hand to disturb the equanimity of the powers that be.

The expert populist poll makers who figured out on "a careful conservative basis" a majority of not less than 600 for Bryan in Clackamas county, can now, after they have paid their election bets, have ample time to correct their figures and bring them up to date.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT TONGUE'S speech in this city last Monday evening was one of the best and most logical speeches delivered during this campaign in Oregon City. As a vote getting, it was a success.

It was a noble victory that of last Tuesday and well worth the work of winning for it is the first step toward bringing back the prosperity that this county is so sorely in need of.

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ENGLISHMEN AND AMERICA.

Many Who Have Been Warm Friends of This Country.

The fact is that the English public men who have understood America, or who have seemed to care to understand her, have, at least until recently, always represented a small minority. During the first century of our national life scarcely an Englishman of eminence was clear sighted enough to perceive America's real devotion to great ideals. Our British kinsmen thought us a horde of gradgrinds and nothing else, whereas, in spite of a seeming absorption in material things, the national life was grappling with mighty ethical and political ideas, which the selfishness and irresponsibility of politicians might sometimes distort, but could never stifle. Leigh Hunt, as Lowell used to remind us, could never think of America without seeing in imagination a gigantic counter stretched all along our seaboard, and we bore Hunt's ridicule with a complacency that was the more cheerful because his caliber and weight of metal were scarcely great enough to do much execution over sea. Carlyle sneered; we remembered his dyspepsia and forgave. Ruskin emptied the vials of his eloquent contempt upon our sacrifice to America's freedom and integrity; we abated no jot or tittle of our veneration for his prophet's message, while we strove to make just allowance for the vagaries of the hyperaesthetic temperament. These things it was easy to condone.

The Englishmen who have understood American life have judged it by something besides the froth of the irresponsible press and the antics of provincial "statesmen." Cobden's fatal exposure of his life to do us service and John Bright's brave words in the hour of our distress can never be forgotten. The memory of Thomas Hughes—alas! that we must write "memory" now—will always remain a rich and fragrant legacy, to which, in a peculiar sense, we are coheirs with Englishmen, while the work of Mr. Bryce has not only won our respect and gratitude, but is bound to leave deep impress on our life. None of these men was blind to the evident foibles, defects and crudities of the strenuous life of an earnest and virile people. On the other hand, none invited distrust by silly attempts to flatter or cajole. But all were quick to recognize in American aspiration, achievement, and representative character something other and better than mere bigness. They even ventured now and then to speak of these things as great; but the words sit better on their lips than on ours.—From "Duty of Englishmen to America" in Century.

At the Wrong Nuptials.

"If any man can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together, let him now speak or else hereafter forever hold his peace." Slowly and impressively the officiating clergyman spoke these words. The solemn pause that followed their utterance was broken by a deep, strong voice from the rear of the church: "May I ask you, sir, to repeat the names of those two persons who stand before you as candidates for matrimony?"

"George Washington Spoonamore and Jophenia Shaw," answered the clergyman, astonished at the interruption. "Go ahead with the marrying," rejoined the owner of the deep voice, clapping on his hat and starting for the door. "It's all right. I had just got here, and hadn't heard the names. The wedding I'm trying to stop must be in the church a block and a half below here."—Chicago Tribune.

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| Jones, G. W. | |
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