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

#### TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS.

The chief interest in the state and municipal elections held on Tuesday last in many of the Eastern states and cities centered in the Ohio state election and the Greater New York city election. In Ohio the democrats and populists exerted themselves to their utmost to gain control of the legislature so as to insure the defeat of Senator Hanna for re-election and put a democrat in the senate from Ohio. Prior to the campaign strikes were incited and every effort made to turn the laboring classes from the republican to the democrat-populist party and when the campaign did open Bryan and all the leading populist orators were sent to that state and a most determined contest was inaugurated with the result that the republicans have barely carried the state and have the legislature by a majority sufficient to insure the election of a republican United States senator.

Tammany carried New York City, electing the entire boodle ticket. As now constituted under its new charter Greater New York will carry on its payroll an average of 35,000 employes all the year round and the city's expenditures will exceed \$60,000,000 a year. With such an immense prize as this at stake in the way of boodle to be had, the followers of the Tammany tiger left no means untried to carry the election and insure to their coffers the spoils to be had.

Massachusetts and Pennsylvania each went republican by good majorities while the populists ran so far behind in Kansas as to make it possible that the republicans have carried the state ticket, it being so close that it will take the official count to decide. The free silver ticket in Colorado did not show the strength it possessed in the presidential election last year, and it will require the official count to decide whether the free silver or republican ticket is successful. The fusionists carried Nebraska by a small majority while New Jersey went strongly republican.

STRAY rumors keep coming up from time to time that the governor is to call a special session of the legislature. So far Governor Lord has shown no disposition to call the legislature together, doubtless feeling that the need was not urgent enough to justify the expense it would bring on the taxpayers of the state. Since the decision of the supreme court was rendered allowing the secretary of state to audit all salary and other accounts against the state regularly provided for by law, there is no special need for appropriations to be made for these bills as now paid as fast as presented. The only persons really desirous for a special session are the populists, who would like a chance to redeem their record before the next election takes place for they fear that their connection with the late hold-up will be the means of bringing defeat upon their party at the next election.

OREGON newspapers are feeling the impulse of good times as well as the farmers and other classes. The Salem Statesman will with next Sunday enlarge its Sunday edition from eight to twelve pages, while the Capital Journal of that city, commencing with last Monday, enlarged its daily edition from seven to an eight column folio. The Portland Mercury comes out with a new editor and the announcement that it will print no more naughty things. The Welcome of that city has put on a new dress and looks as prosperous as a Kentucky horse jockey. In fact every newspaper in Oregon is giving evidence of more prosperous days, the "calamity howlers" alone being the exception, they being too deeply engrossed in hunting for something to complain of to make an effort to build up their business.

CONTRARY to the predictions of the Oregonian, the president has made all the appointments recommended by the Oregon congressional delegation. The commissions of Colonel Owen Summers for appraiser in the Portland custom house, John Hall for United States district attorney and Zoeth Houser for United States marshal were made out and so soon as their bonds are approved these men will assume the duties of their respective offices.

#### SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Of the shortage in the potato crop in the United States and of the prospect for good prices here in Oregon, the Northwest Pacific Farmer has the following to say:

"It is estimated that the shortage in potatoes in the United States for this year will be about \$75,000,000 bushels, to say nothing of the shortage in Canada and all other countries except probably German. This has certainly been an off potato year for every section except the Pacific coast which is now prepared to furnish many of its neighbors in exchange for either free silver or gold."

The populist's denunciation of those who gain wealth rapidly and Mr. Bryan's efforts in this line do not exactly harmonize, as the following from the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader indicates: "Let's see. It is one of the fundamental doctrines of the plutocratic pop that no man can rightly earn \$1,000,000 in a lifetime. Yet, for making one speech at the state fair of Kansas Mr. Bryan the other day received a check for \$2500. Now, earning \$2500 per day it would require sixteen months to earn a million. What are we to conclude? Either the pop doctrine referred to is utterly wrong, or Mr. Bryan has joined the wicked plutocrats and is illegitimately sipping wealth from the pockets of the toiling masses."

No state in the Union has a harder working supreme court than has Oregon and in no state is there a greater volume of business passed upon by a court of only three men than is transacted each year by the Oregon supreme court. The following words of commendation for our supreme court are from the Portland Welcome: "The Oregon supreme court made an astonishing record this week. It handed down opinions in five important cases, and all of them were affirmations of the decisions and verdicts in the lower courts. And what is an additional satisfaction the decisions in each case were such as to a sensible, observant layman seem in accordance with justice and equity. Therefore both the supreme court and the lower courts in which the cases were tried are proper objects of congratulation."

Illinois has a compulsory education law which is not a dead letter, as is the Oregon law. At one time the Illinois law was also a failure, but a change in truant officers, the Inter-Ocean states, made it one of the best enforced laws in Chicago as the following indicates: "Messrs. Gallagher and Keating by the grace of Harrison, Junior, members of the board of education, are pained to learn that fifteen women are acting as truant officers for and in this city of Chicago. There are sixteen such officers. And there was a time when all, or nearly all, of them were of the kind of men whom Messrs. Gallagher and Keating speak of as 'the boys.' Their work was not satisfactory. They were, with hardly an exception, politicians of the lower grade; consequently when another low grade man was sending his 12-year-old boy or girl to work, instead of to school, or was permitting it the dangerous luxuries of idleness and ignorance, he reported it as 'sick' to the political truant officers, and all went well. It has been found that women are more faithful as house visitors, more impartial in the discharge of their duties, less liable to be imposed upon by the specious representations of fathers of families, and more able to gain the confidence of mothers, and for these reasons are much more effective agents of the board of education."

Of the new industries that are being developed on this Coast none are proving more successful than cranberry culture and the time is not distant when our market will be entirely supplied with the home-grown berries. The largest cranberry marshes are located near Ilwaco and of their yield the Ilwaco Tribune has the following to say: "The gathering of the cranberry crop at the Chabot marsh near Ilwaco was concluded last week, and the product will be over 1000 bushels; last year it was 6500 bushels. About forty Chinamen were engaged as pickers this year, and about one hundred white people, men, women, boys and girls. At 50 cents a bushel these pickers just earned \$3000."

The Newberg Graphic makes the following observation upon the despicable conduct of an Oregon City newspaper whose littleness makes of itself the laughing stock of the town: To a disinterested reader it looks like it was a bit of jealousy on the part of the Oregon City Press that causes that paper to continue its uncalled for slings at the Enterprise, while Mr. Meserve of the latter named sheet goes on about his business from week to week, getting out by far the best paper in Clackamas county.

One of the new industries that is being developed of late by our farmers is that of lifting mortgages. The Pendleton Tribune has the following to say as to what is being done in this line in Umatilla county: "Seventy-five thousand dollars worth of mortgages cancelled in Umatilla county last month. This beats the business in this line for the month of September, 1896, more than sixty thousand dollars. At this rate there will not be an old mortgage left in the county by Christmas."

#### Mark Twain in His Old Manner.

An article by Mark Twain written in the style of "The Innocents Abroad" and illustrated by A. B. Frost and Peter Newell, is a promise that magazine readers do not have held out to them every day. It is in the November number of McClure's Magazine that this rare feast of humor is to be served. One might expect much more than ordinary entertainment from any one of the three items of pictures by Frost, pictures by Newell, and an "Innocents Abroad" article by Mark Twain; but the editors of McClure's, in their profusion, engage to serve all three at once. The Mark Twain article will consist of chapters from the forth coming book on his recent journey around the world, and is the only part that will be published in advance of the book itself. It follows, those that have read it say, the earlier Mark Twain manner, which is undoubtedly the most popular: on a thread travel are strung no end of wise and witty reflections, quaint and quizzical observations, comic adventures, and plausible impossible tales.

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"For these great benefits it is our duty to praise the Lord in a spirit of humility and gratitude, and to offer up to him our most earnest supplications. That we may acknowledge our obligations as a people to him who has so graciously granted us the blessings of free government and material prosperity, I, William McKinley, president of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 26 day of November, for national thanksgiving and prayer, which all of the people are invited to observe with appropriate religious services in their respective places of worship.

"On this day of rejoicing and domestic union, let our prayers ascend to the giver of every good and perfect gift for continuance of his love and favor to us, that our hearts may be filled with charity and goodwill, and that we may be ever worthy of his beneficent concern.

"In witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this 25th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-second.

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