

SHEEP CONVENTION

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icular interests, and acting on the suggestion, have organized the different branches of agricultural occupations into representative bodies of their own line of industry, until there have come into existence such societies as the Grange, the Farmers' Alliance and such associations as the fruitgrowers, the cattle-raisers and woolgrowers. The existence of these organizations indicates that the agricultural classes have found out the need of co-operation and united action to promote and protect their interests.

"I am glad to extend a welcome not only to the people of my own state, but to those from other states, who have honored us with their presence, and who, I trust, may form many pleasant acquaintances and derive much mutual benefit from the interchange of thought and of opinion.

"We have a splendid state, abounding in natural resources and awaiting a fuller development. The adjoining states are affected by similar conditions, and together they comprise a vast area of territory and possess a variety and wealth of natural resources which are destined in the progress of events to make it constitute one of the fairest and richest portions of the country.

A CONSERVATIVE VIEW.

Expressed by Senator McBride on the Cuban Question.

On February 18th the senate had under consideration the question of Cuban belligerency and the Maine disaster, pending which Senator McBride said in part:

"I prefer not to discuss the question of intervention at this time when we are overcome with horror at the loss of the lives of our brave sailors in Havana harbor. The question of intervention should be calmly and deliberately discussed, with a full sense of our responsibility as a great nation, to the good opinion of the civilized world. When it shall be clearly established that the system of autonomy proposed by Spain for Cuba is a failure, and when it shall appear that the conflict in Cuba, with all its horrible incidents of suffering and starvation, cannot be terminated without the intervention of the United States, we shall be justified in taking such action in accordance with international law, and in the interest of humanity, as will bring about a cessation of hostilities between Spain and the Cuban insurgents and restore peace to the island."

WINS A FIFTY DOLLAR MEDAL. Miss Verdi Monroe Was Formerly of Oregon City.

The friends of Miss Verdi Monroe will be pleased to hear of her success as an essayist. The following is taken from Sunday's Oregonian, which published the essay in full.

The three prizes offered by the Sons of the American Revolution for essays on Revolutionary subjects were won by Miss Verdi Monroe, of the Portland high school; Miss Laura Parker, of Astoria, and Miss Grace Hodze, of McMinnville.

Verdi Monroe is the daughter of A. J. Monros, of 547 Fourth street. She was born at Flag Springs, near St. Joseph, Mo., 17 years ago, and attended the public schools at Wayne, Kan., whither her parents removed when she was a child. She came to Portland with her parents in 1894, but after a brief stay here the family located at Oregon City, where Verdi entered the high school. Coming to Portland two years later, the credits given her by the Oregon City school enabled her to enter the second-year work in the high school here.

Verdi is taking the English course, and her favorite studies, she says, are English and the sciences. She always stands well in her classes, and of three classes in rhetoric, containing 60 pupils, she was the only one whose standing entitled her to promotion without examination.

She is an omnivorous reader, and although she never studied composition till she came to the high school she delights to write. She spent three weeks in study before writing her prize composition.

Verdi is a quiet, modest little girl and a great favorite with her schoolmates, all of whom were rejoiced at her success.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

German Ministers Close Their Meeting.

Last Thursday evening the work of the German M. E. Ministerial Association, of the Portland district, which has been in session in Milwaukee for three days, came to a close with an impressive memorial service for Rev. C. Hoffman, the minister from Dayton, who died while at the dinner-table of his friend Mr. P. J. Henneman. Rev. J. C. Jahn delivered an address of eulogy on the deceased, his remarks having peculiar import from the long military service the two men had known together, and a full program was carried out in honor of the departed.

An excellent attendance at the meetings has demonstrated the enthusiasm of the German ministers in their work. The topics discussed covered a wide range pertaining to the Christian work. After each paper, there was a general discussion of the subject that elicited much interest and was at times as productive of good ideas as the papers themselves. It was decided that the convention of Portland district should be called annually and from the present feeling, the succeeding meeting will doubtless be superior to the one closed. The subjects discussed since the convention met, and those assigned to handle them, were: "What is Necessary for the Unity of Believers?" Rev. J. W. Beckley; "The Perfect Man in Christ," Rev. J. Traglio; "How Can We Be More Successful in Our Campaigning Work?" Rev. Adam Klippel; "How Can We More Successfully Promote Our Missionary Work in the Portland District?" Rev. J. C. Jahn; "The Appearance and the Rule of the Anti-Christ," Rev. J. G. Meoring; "The Outlook of the Christian Church," Rev. G. A. Jahn; "What Are the Principal Difficulties of the German Work, and Can They Be Successfully Overcome?" Rev. H. Hansen; "Study of the Holy Scriptures," Rev. J. R. Marben; "Scriptural Proof of Our Baptism," "Why Am I a Methodist?" Joseph Schwertrich; "Is the Success of a Minister a Sure Proof of His Calling?" Rev. C. A. Preston; "A Concise Explanation of Exodus xxxv:17-23," Rev. Karl Jans; "Personal Mission Work," Rev. C. H. Arnold; "Administration of Personal Wealth According to the Scripture," Rev. N. Lenthold; and "The Art of Reading Books," Rev. Otto Deering.

City Council Proceedings. The regular meeting of the city council was held Wednesday evening. The mayor and all members were present. The saloon licenses of J. W. Cole, Hill & Munsey, and P. Hemmelgarn were renewed. A rebate of \$100 was granted Z. C. Wood on liquor license, he is about to retire from the business. A petition for the extension of Twelfth street was read and referred to committee on streets.

The following bills were allowed on general fund: T F Ryan, recorder.....\$ 25 00 C E Burns, police..... 60 00 E L Shaw, "..... 60 00 W L Snidow, street work..... 158 00 F T Griffith, city attorney..... 5 00 P Hemmelgarn, city jail, meals..... 3 60 The Press, printing..... 4 50 H L L Clark, rent, pound..... 20 00 Labor Exchange, rock, Main St 221 23 Geo Broughton, lumber..... 74 38 J W Brown, wood..... 2 50 Wilson & Cooke, hardware..... 8 33 Electric Light Co., light..... 170 95 G A Harding, lamps..... 80 Keckner & Brown cleaning carts 3 00 Roake & Co hydrant wrenches.. 8 40 Hose companies, each..... 25 00 F C Gadke, work on streets..... 12 20 H Straight, hay..... 1 30 Cemetery fund: Stakes for cemetery..... 30 00 H H Johnson, surveying..... 25 00 A W Cheney was awarded the contract for printing and binding the city ordinances. His bid was 26 3/4 cents per page.

Committee on streets were authorized to procure sufficient crushed rock to finish Main street. The recorder was instructed to notify the E. S. Railway Co., that its proposition for the improvement of Main street is due.

A special committee, consisting of Koerner, Harris, and Latourette was appointed to look after a 4th of July celebration. Permission was granted W. A. White to build a bridge across a ravine in block in front of the school house. The property borders on Water street between Third and Seventh were ordered to put their fences on the proper line. The recorder was instructed to notify the sheriff to turn over the road taxes of 1897 to the city.

What Dr. A. E. Salter Says. BUFFALO, N. Y.—GENTS.—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced Consumption, I am prepared to say that it is the most remarkable Remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from Consumption. Sold by Charman & Co., druggists, Oregon City.

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HOLT AND FUSION

The Jackson County Senator Writes a Long Letter.

Says the Democratic Bosses Did Not Keep Their Promises in the Campaign of 1896.

ASHLAND, Feb. 20.—What is the matter with the people's party? Where are we at? What is the people's party going to do at our next election? Will it remain populist and put into the field a people's party ticket, or will it fuse with the democratic party or some other political faction, and help to put into the field a mongrel ticket? These are some of the questions that have been repeatedly asked since our last national campaign by every man and woman who takes an interest in the politics of our country.

Well, what was the matter with the people's party previous to our last national convention? Every man and woman loyal to the principles of our party were giving their time and money for the up-building of our cause, and our party was rapidly growing in numbers and prominence. In our ranks was harmony, and a united effort was being made to build up the party that was finally to put into effect the grand principles so clearly enunciated in the platform upon which our party was built. Such was the case, and that is what was the matter with our party before the disgraceful deal in St. Louis in 1896. But how has it been since? Discord and confusion have prevailed in the councils of our party, and the workers have ceased to go forth among their neighbors with the gospel of truth that exposes the dark political methods that have brought our country to the verge of national ruin.

Can there be any other cause for this unfortunate condition of our party than the action of our national convention in 1896, and the subsequent bad faith on the part of our political ally, the democratic machine? Is it not a fact that Mr. Bryan was nominated by the St. Louis convention under the promise and with the distinct understanding that the democratic candidate for the vice-presidency—Mr. Sewall—would be withdrawn and his place given to a people's party candidate? Was this pledge kept? Is it not a fact that instead of withdrawing Sewall, the democratic machine, in every state in which it was possible, traded the state and county offices to the "pie" hunters in the people's party, under agreement that all the electors on the fusion ticket in such states should be Sewall electors, eliminating Mr. Watson from the ticket and giving the plutocratic national banker of the reform democracy the entire field?

What have been the results in this state, where the populists have fused with the democrats for local offices? In seven or eight different counties fusion has been entered into by populists and democrats, and in every instance, except one, democrats and republicans have been elected to the offices, and the populists have been allowed to stay at home and enjoy the wholesome experience of their folly. And now, in the face of these and other ridiculous facts, this same democratic machine is besieging our party for another unholy alliance.

That there are many conscientious men in the democratic party no sane man will doubt. So there are in the republican party, but they have not the strength to overcome the party machines which control their parties. Therefore, they must remain powerless until they sever their connection with those parties and give their aid to a party that is struggling for the rights of all mankind.

But aside from the above considerations, I would in all candor ask those of my brethren who favor a fusion deal, how are you going before the people in support of a fusion ticket? If you are a populist, you must and will advocate people's party principles, and at the same time, will you ask the people to support a ticket with candidates on it whom we all know belong to parties that are radically opposed to principles that you advocate? Can an intelligent people form any other conclusion than that the whole effort is simply a scramble for office regardless of any patriotic principles whatever? There may be conscientious populists who can enter into such work, but I cannot.

There certainly can be but few intelligent people in this country who do not know that the policies and practices of the republican and democratic parties are shaped and directed by the great machines that control them, and, further, that, as a rule, with few exceptions, all who are elected to office while belonging to either of these parties must and will yield to the dictates of these machines while in office. The rank and file of these parties are not consulted in these matters. Then, is it not folly to suppose that those who retain their allegiance to either of these old parties can or will ever give their happy support to the enactment of laws that will give us direct legislation, the imperative mandate, or any other reform for which we are contending? Certainly not! Then let us not be so silly as to play the part of the fly in the fable, that walked into the parlor of entangling webs. This

powerful organization of ours has cost us too much time and unselfish labor to disgrace it by fusion with our political enemies, with the hope of getting a division of the loaves and fishes. Our party was brought into existence for a higher and nobler purpose. It must not, it cannot be prostituted to the level of boodle politics. Such action, if persisted in, will and should destroy the party, but such will not be the case; the patriotic men and women who have built up the party say: "No; we will have no more fusion deals or political prostitution."

That there are honest populists who are advocating fusion no one doubts, and to all such we would say, think carefully of what you are doing—you are surely tearing down the house of reform that has cost so much toil and patience to build; you should remember that in the East and South our brothers are fighting, as only heroes can fight, for a noble cause, to stamp fusion out of our party and save its existence, and they will succeed, for they are right.

The action of the national organization committee in referring questions of party policy to the voters of our party will smoke some of our party officials out of their fusion dens and put our party in working order again, and we will come out of this fusion ordeal purified and stronger than ever before.

S. H. HOLT.

RECALLED BY TELEGRAPHER

Attraction of a Scene in a Play Suggests a Story.

When "Secret Service" was first produced in New York, the audience for the first week or two included a large number of telegraph operators, attracted by the vivid description given of the scene in which Gillette sends the message and is shot through the hand. Interest in this part of the play waned slightly, so far as the knights of the key were concerned, when it was found that the telegraphing, while it sounded very real to the uninitiated, was nothing but a succession of meaningless clicks.

Why it was expected that there should be real telegraphing any more than there should be real killing on the stage was explained by an old operator recently. "There lingers in the mind of all the older men in the business," said he, "the memory of the telegraphing scene in Oliver Dond Byron's play, 'Across the Continent,' in which a genuine operator was substituted for the actor long enough to tick out a welcome to any member of the profession who might be in the audience. It was at Mrs. John Drew's old Arch Street theater in Philadelphia, about 15 years ago. Every night the man on the stage would spell out: 'Good evening, boys! If you are all feeling well, rap out an answer on the iron support of the seat in front of you. All together, now—one, two, three. Go!'

"The rest of the audience were bewildered by the ticking all over the house, and it was great fun for the boys and a shrewd move on the part of the management, for it attracted telegraphers in great force. They enjoyed the puzzled expression of the people, who couldn't understand the unanimity of the answer from the gallery, orchestra and lobby. Of course the talk between the stage and the house was not confined to this salutation. It was on all sorts of topics, usually in the form of an interrogation, with a request for a simultaneous answer. The story has been told to the younger men, and whenever a play is produced in which a telegraph key figures they like to see if the experience will be repeated."

No Concern of Hale's. Senator Hale is desperately afraid that the United States may be involved in war with Spain. This need not concern Hale if he sticks to his former military record.

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