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"YOUR PLEASURE IS MINE."

In assuming the management of the Enterprise I desire to inform its patrons and friends that their pleasure is mine.

With your encouragement and co-operation, together with the assistance now at my command, I believe I can give the citizens of Clackamas county the kind of weekly newspaper they are entitled to.

I am not a pioneer of this portion of our country, although the time may come when I may be classed as such, but my impression so far of Oregon City, of Clackamas county and of the state of Oregon is more favorable than that of any other portion of the West it has yet been my pleasure to reside in.

For nearly half a century the Republican and Democratic parties have differed widely on the great political issues. Now a part of the Republican party is asked to uphold free trade, non-interference by the government with rioters and dynamiters, a shin-plaster currency, and that the "crime of '73" was a greater one than the crucifixion of our Savior; and for what reason? That they may get free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1, that they may put this nation on a lower plane financially than Japan or India, that her name may be a by-word in the mouths of labor, commerce and finance throughout the ends of the earth, that this great republic may stand in the market-place and cry to the world that she will discount her obligations fifty cents on the dollar.

But we have more faith in the Republican party and the good citizenship of this nation. The people of the state of Oregon are beginning to realize the consequences to the credit of the nation and the effect on her prosperity that the issuing of one dollar not the equal of a gold dollar would produce. We believe there is too much patriotism in the Republican party for a single member to wish to see this government pay a single dollar of its obligations at a discount.

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WANTON INCONSISTENCY and the advocating of free coinage of silver are terms synonymous and inseparable. In the face of the statement that he is absolutely and unequivocally opposed to the slightest increase of the

present enormously large national debt, the Free Silver advocate declares and demands that the government shall open her mints to the unlimited coinage of fifty-cent dollars. A war with Spain could hardly mean a greater stride toward the increase of our national debt.

Is the advocate of Free Silver blind to the fact that the country's debt as it stands today is simply the difference between the intrinsic value of the currency in circulation and the artificial value given it by the stamp of the government? He certainly must know that for each dollar now in circulation, be it of silver, nickel, copper or paper, the government's credit is taxed to the amount of the difference between the intrinsic value of the dollar and its stamped value; and yet, though opposed to an increase of the national debt, he demands free coinage of silver, which means, more than anything else, that the government's credit shall be farther taxed, and to an indefinite and unlimited extent, or to the discretion of the owners of silver mines. But the Free Silverites claim that government can create value, and they cite as an instance Protective Tariff laws; yet—it is notorious—they are Free Traders, absolutely opposed to Protection because of the very fact, according to them, that, through the aid of a common government, false values are created, thereby benefitting seven per cent of our industrial population simply at the expense of 93 per cent: so although opposed to Protection on account of certain reasons, they advocate with all the enthusiasm and strength at their command Free Silver, while sound money advocates oppose Free Silver for practically the same reasons that Silverites oppose Protection.

REPUBLICANS NOT TO BE FOOLED. The coming to Oregon of Chairman Towne of the Silver Republican party is to further the scheme of the triumvirate of Free Silver factions, a coalition that is without principles, that is trying to be brought together only for the self-aggrandizement of its leaders, who expect to rake the political chestnuts out of the fire under the cry of free silver.

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But now war-talk we hear again. Were it not better that we consider well what war means and rather how it might be averted, then to lend, even in the slightest degree, encouragement to those who, with or without provocation, never stopping to consider the consequences, are ever ready to rush headlong into so serious a difficulty as a war between Spain and the United States at the present time? And these hot-headed fanatics, calamity precipitators, brainless fools, whom the country would do well to be rid of, but who, through desertion or other base cowardism, generally escape unharmed, when the war were ended would be the first to cry out how it might have been averted; and they

would have their children regard them with reverence and awe, as heroes of a war, when in reality they had robbed their descendants of a rightful inheritance!

PROSPERITY EVERYWHERE. The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings for the week just ended, with the percentage of increase, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Table with columns: Clearances, Inc., Seattle, Wilmington, Del., Fargo, N. D., Tacoma, Fremont, Neb., Portland, Or., New York.

These cities head the list. It will be noticed that the states represented are Washington, Delaware, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oregon and New York; so the evident prevailing prosperity, as compared with this time last year, cannot be credited entirely to Klondike.

This county of Clackamas is the third county in population in the state. This year its delegation to the republican state convention will be equalled by only two other counties, Multnomah and Marion. Notwithstanding its importance in view of its population and its manufactures, it has never been represented among the candidates for state offices. It has with few exceptions given large republican majorities. At the last state election, because of local matters, it elected the Populist ticket; but at the presidential election in the fall of 1896, it still showed its loyalty to Republican principles by giving a decisive majority to the McKinley electors. For these reasons, the republicans of this county feel that they should be represented this year upon the state ticket, and considerable talk is indulged in regarding the proposing of Mr. A. S. Dresser, of Oregon City, as a candidate for attorney general. That the nomination of Mr. Dresser for this position would meet with general approval in this county has been already shown by the expression of many of our leading Republicans. Mr. Dresser has resided in Oregon City eleven years and by careful attention to business and honest conduct has earned a reputation that commands the confidence of the people of this county. He is eminently qualified for the position, and, if nominated, would not only receive a large vote in Clackamas county, but would add strength to the Republican ticket. We should be glad to see him nominated by the state convention for the office of attorney general.

PETITIONS during the week have been circulated in favor of F. T. Griffith and E. E. Charman for school director. Either of the gentlemen is eminently fitted to sit on the school board. Both we believe feel the responsibility of the position and are willing to sacrifice their time in so good a cause. A director should look at but one thing, and that, the welfare of the schools so far as means are available. Whichever of these gentlemen is elected we believe that the interests of Oregon City schools will be promoted.

PROFESSOR J. H. Ackerman was in Oregon City last Saturday. The friends of Prof. Ackerman are urging him as a candidate for superintendent of public instruction, for which position he is eminently qualified by reason of his long and successful career with public schools of the state. The whole school system feel the personality of the man who occupies this position. The public is growing more insistent that this place shall be filled by a school man of high character and attainments.

THE decision of the Supreme court in the case of Oregon City against Clackamas county takes 50 per cent of the road fund raised in Oregon City out of the hands of the county and turns it over to the city. This not only applies to the amount in controversy, some \$3000, but to subsequent levies.

THE county convention will be held in less than one month and every effort is being made to unite the silver force (which is the beginning of the absorption of the populist party by the silver democracy) while a few, a very few, in the Republican party are trying to create discord simply because they cannot run the party. We are not organized into a party to fight each other, we have the enemy to fight. The Republi-

cans of each precinct should turn out to a man and select delegates they have confidence in who will nominate a ticket representative of the party and then every Republican should turn out and help elect it. Any man who is not willing to do this is not a Republican and should have scant consideration at the hands of his party. Victory is yours if you will lay aside your petty prejudices and work for the common good.

In comparing the present fighting capacity of the United States with that of other countries, the fact that the United States still has left some credit seems to have been lost sight of. However, in this connection, we are guilty of gross negligence in one particular, and that is in not observing the old maxim: "In time of peace, prepare for war."

"At the front with Fitz Lee's veterans" would be a pretty hot place, but the brave members of Meade Post No. 2, doubtless already know this. They would find in the noble Fitz the same old gallant leader, a gentleman of the finest type, and a jovial companionship that would both inspire and charm.

One of the most important institutions established in the past fifteen years is the Civil Service system as it exists in the United States to-day. It was begun by President Arthur and completed by Grover Cleveland. May it stand as a monument to their distinguished memory so long as the Republic lasts.

REV. H. L. Barkley was in Oregon City during the week consulting with the Populists. He ought to stand well with them as jointly they came near giving H. L. Corbett a seat in the senate. The failure of Mr. Corbett to get a seat is a great disappointment to them.

If the population of the world is increasing at the rate of 20,000,000 a year and 70 per cent of the human body is water, where is the Prohibitionist?

PUBLIC OPINION.

Gold Democrats Are Needed — Re-established Union.

Philadelphia Ledger: Cerebro-spinal meningitis is a more scientific form of death than the old-fashioned freezing, but it answers the same purpose at Skagway.

Albany Daily Herald: Uncle Sam will be sure he is right, then go ahead. It is safe prediction that Spain will be fully punished and that the Cubans will gain their liberty.

London Post: In reference to the Cannon bill says: "It is an emphatic way of saying that the American statesman intend to stand by their declarations. People who talk about national honor and responsibility ought to be prepared to put their money down."

Madrid—El Imparcial: "We cannot understand the surprise with which many Spanish politicians view the conduct America has pursued toward Spain, for it is only the conduct that might be expected from the line of action pursued for some time by the Spanish government."

Oregon Daily Statesman: Why shouldn't the women vote at school meetings? Most of the school teachers are women; and they make the very best instructors of the young.

The Oregonian is wasting a good deal of its more or less valuable space trying to show that Mr. Brownell, of Clackamas county, has a habit of departing at times from the sacred precincts of the truth.

The London Daily News: "Speaking generally, the United States never is prepared for war. It cannot be said that their diplomacy has suffered from this palpable and notorious truth. Therefore the assertions of American statesmen that they are voting \$10,000,000 as a peace measure are hardly convincing explanations of the sudden change from tranquil inactivity to activity."

Oregonian: The gold Democrats elected McKinley, and if there is to be a Republican victory in the elections of 1898, the gold Democrats must bring it about. The result of the contest is in their hands. While there is little doubt of the duty of gold Democrats to resist the fusion cause by temporary action with the Republican party, whose chief, if not only, vital contention now is for the gold standard, the same degree of certainty does not attach to the course they will take. Complications exist, of serious moment.

Washington Post: The gift of \$500 to the memorial building fund of Washington and Lee university by the widow and children of the late James A. Garfield constitutes a

beautiful and impressive chapter in the history of the re-established Union. It reminds us of the warm friendship subsisting between Garfield and Randolph Tucker—the one a Union soldier during the rebellion and the other a Southerner of the Southerners, both loyal and brave gentlemen according to their standards and convictions, each respecting in the other those qualities of courage and manhood and chivalry which commanded admiration in whatever guise they came.

Louisville Courier Journal: Platt, Quay, Penrose and Murphy are not the only silent senators, Wetmore never has anything to say, though like, Deboe, he has a colleague whose every word is listened to with profound attention. Martin, of Virginia, never says a word in debate. It is an effort for him to present a petition. On the other hand Daniel employs language with reckless profligacy and verbosity, and he talks through his nose at that. Both Massachusetts senators are talkers, and when old father Hoar lays himself out to make a poetic and sentimental exploration among the classics, as he frequently does, there is not a man in the chamber who can hold a candle to him—not even Turpie. Of the Gulf states senators, Mills is decidedly the best talker, but he has the unsenatorial habit of never saying anything unless he has something to say. Gorman is a good talker—the most senatorial talker in the senate, not even excepting Morgan. Morgan is amusing sometimes, especially when he amuses himself shedding tears. As a lachrymose orator he lays over Teller.

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