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REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET

Senator—Geo. C. Brownell. Joint Senator—L. L. Porter. Representative—J. L. Kruse, John Dennison, Alex. Thomson. County Judge—Thos. F. Ryan. Sheriff—Max Ramsby. Clerk—Adolph Aschoff. Recorder—Thos. Randall. Assessor—Eli Williams. Treasurer—A. B. Marquam. School Superintendent—H. S. Strange. Surveyor—E. P. Rands. Coroner—E. A. Deadman. Commissioner—Richard Morton.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

For Congress—THOMAS H. TONGUE. For Governor—T. T. GEER. For Supreme Judge—F. A. MOORE. For State Treasurer—C. S. MOORE. For Secretary of State—F. I. DUNBAR. For State Printer—W. L. LEEDS. For Attorney General—D. R. N. BLACKBURN. For Superintendent Public Instruction—J. H. ACKERMAN.

DISTRICT TICKET

For Circuit Judge—T. A. MCBRIDE. For District Attorney—T. J. CLEETON. For Board of Equalization—W. H. SMITH.

ANNOUNCEMENT

In assuming the duties of campaign editor of the Enterprise I deem it a duty due to the people of Clackamas County to briefly outline the political policy of the Enterprise during the campaign. The principles of the Republican Party as enunciated in the State Platform will be endorsed. The fallacies of the Fusion Platform will be discussed in order to convince the people that it is a subterfuge to delude the voters into the belief that all reforms can only emanate from the Populist Party. Every candidate will be treated with due consideration and personalities will be eliminated from the campaign. Every candidate, no matter which party he represents, is entitled to respect. It is the principles and records of the Party that should be kept prominently before the public. It is the principles and record of the Populist Party in Clackamas County and Oregon that will form the basis of the campaign.

To former Republicans who, in a moment of thoughtlessness renounced allegiance to the Republican Party, and unfortunately assisted the Populists, we desire to welcome them back to the fold. As to the chronic office seeking wing of the Democratic Party who have fooled their issues with the Fusion Populists, there is no hope of redemption or reclamation. They have not only forfeited all their right, title and interest to recognition by the honest Democrats, but have forfeited all respect for themselves. They have entered into an unholy alliance with the "hold-up" wing of the Populists Party for spoils and bootie. The venom and hatred that once rankled in the bosom of the Democrat for the Populist, and vice versa, has ceased to bud and blossom and they now stand forth a happy verification of the old adage, "that men may learn to love." The mission of the Enterprise during the campaign will be to call sinners, not the righteous to repentance. Argumentative appeals will be made to the intelligence of the voters. With the ignorant, the cranks, the idle and the vicious, no argument would be sufficiently understood to penetrate their dimmutive brain, and they will be left to bring up the flag end of the Populist Party so soon to be consigned to oblivion.

C. J. CURTIS.

CAMPAIGN ISSUES.

There is one little matter that the Populists omitted in their Party Platform. It certainly must have been an oversight as it is a matter that they must answer to the people of Clackamas County for in the ensuing campaign. It is a matter that received the condemnation of every honest man in the State and the prime cause that has brought the Populist Party into disrepute in all sections of the State. It is barely possible that the Populists have forgotten that little incident that occurred during the last Legislature, although the Populist's Representative from Clackamas County and other counties in the State were responsible for it. To refresh their memories, the incident referred to is what is known as the "hold-up." Of course \$80 was not a very large sum for violating their solemn obligations and promises made to the people during the campaign of two years ago. Yet considering the fact that a pack of hungry wolves will ever accept what they can get, and considering the fact that they were actuated more by the spoils of office than performing their duties to the people, it was probably a fair consideration for the services rendered.

But there is a vague reference to the results of that "hold-up" in the Populist Platform. It reads as follows:

"We denounce and condemn the corrupt and extravagant Republican Legislative assemblies and charge that the Republican Party, in its eagerness for the spoils of office, has become divided into warring factions, that it is incapable of government, as exemplified by the condition existing in the office of the State Treasurer, there being at this time more than half a million of dollars therein wrong from the people by the process of taxation, while State warrants are stamped "Not paid for want of funds"

This is virtually the only real issue in the campaign for the reason that it is of a local nature, while the remainder of their Platform is simply a rehash of the St. Louis Platform, comprising all that is obnoxious to the people, detrimental to good government and panders to the desires of the low and vicious, the Anarchists and the ignorant masses. Now that they have made this an issue, the Republicans of Clackamas County and the State are ready to meet them and discuss this question, with the belief that it is thoroughly ventilated, it will convince all thinking people that there is only one organization in Oregon responsible for the condition of affairs which the Populists claim exists today, and that is the Populist Party of Oregon, acting through their representatives in the Legislature.

It is true that there is about \$500,000 in the State treasury, while warrants are stamped, "Not paid for want of funds." As to whether this money was wrung from the people by means of taxation, makes but very little difference to a large majority of the Populists who have never contributed one cent to this vast sum of money. The question to be settled is, who is responsible for this condition of affairs? The Populists suggest that owing to warring factions in the Republican Party, that this is the cause of it. As the warring factions only inhabit the County of Multnomah, it could not apply to the remainder of the State. There is not a man in the State of Oregon familiar with the last session of the Legislature but what knows as a matter of fact, and a fact that has been admitted by the Populists, that the Populists were and are responsible for this condition of affairs.

Had the Populist majority of the last Legislature not formed an unholy alliance with the Democrats who were in the employ of a banker of Portland, this money would not be now in the State Treasury, but would have been distributed among the people and to whom it is due. Had the Populist members of the Legislature performed their duties as they promised to do and which was enjoined upon them by virtue of being representatives of the people, this condition of affairs would not exist today. Yet with brazen effrontery, characteristic of this horde of hungry office-seekers, they are very reticent in regard to this important matter, presumably hoping that the people have forgotten about this disgraceful strain upon the fair name of the State. If the Republican Party had been responsible for the "hold-up," the Populist Platform would have been teeming with denunciations of that Party, but being responsible themselves, they do not care to enter into the merits of that controversy. Now that they have referred to it indirectly, it becomes a matter for public discussion and the more this matter is ventilated, the more strong will be the condemnation of the

people expressed at the polls on the 8th day of June. The Populist Platform teems with demands for "reform." That reform is necessary admits of no doubt, but it can never be brought to a successful termination through the adherents and chronic office-seekers of the Populist Party. There is not a true reformer in the pernicious outfit.

The leg-pullers," the Populist Party are a tremendous success. It is possible that one of their pleas for the sufferages of the people will be, that they can be influenced cheap. While there were some other trifling emoluments in addition to the \$80 received by this coterie of leg-pullers, such as basking in the sunshine of Jonathan Bourne's harem, being wine-d, dined, hugged and fired, the price paid for their services is probably commensurate with the price of that class of cattle.

Why did this great Triangular Reform Party go into that alliance? Certain it is, they were not elected to prevent the election of a United States Senator, and yet that was the principal cause that actuated them and caused them to violate every pledge, every promise made to the people; that prevented needed legislation; that brought a lasting disgrace upon the State; that made the accumulation of over \$500,000 in the State Treasury and the non-payment of warrants for the want of funds.

The only question that was settled by that hold up is, the price placed upon the value of a Populist, to wit: \$80. It is possible that a single Populist is worth more than that sum, but by taking them in job lots, the price is a fair one, considering the quality of goods purchased. For their failure to perform the duties enjoined upon them, the Populist Party will have to answer to the people. It is no wonder that a large number of the more intelligent class of the Populist Party are leaving that organization. They do not care to shoulder the blame and responsibility resting upon that organization for the disgraceful maladministration of public affairs. The Populist had better take down their "reform" sign and plead ignorance in justification of their acts.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Never in the history of Oregon has the warring factions of the Republican Party been so adjusted to the extent of producing harmony in the ranks, as exists in this State today. To nominate a State ticket today that would meet with the approval of all classes of Republicans seemed an impossibility at the outset of the Convention. The grand principles enunciated in the Platform that was unanimously adopted seemed to bring all factions into closer communion and when the convention closed its labors and presented its ticket to the people of Oregon, all dissent disappeared as if by magic, and everyone promised allegiance to the entire ticket and to work for its election.

Hon T. T. Geer who heads the ticket for Governor is one of the most prominent men in the state. He has been identified with the Republican Party all his life and has been one of the most arduous workers in the State. He represents the farming interests of the State and is honored and respected by all who know him. He understands the wants and requirements of the great growing State of Oregon and has the ability to fill the responsible duties of chief magistrate of the State. He has never been identified with any clique or ring, is under no political control but represents the toiling masses of the Republican Party.

F. I. Dunbar, candidate for Secretary of State, is a young man of the highest personal attainments and abilities. He has held the position of County Clerk of Clatsop County for the past four years, and it is through his finacering abilities, his undoubted integrity and business sagacity, that the county warrants of Clatsop County have gone from 85 cents to par, and the credit of the county stands high. Mr. Dunbar has always been a staunch Republican, a firm believer in the financial policy of the Republican Party for sound money. He not only commands the respect of the Republicans of Clatsop County, but will receive the support of Democrats as well. He is a polished gentleman, and has made an enviable record for himself and the party.

Frank A. Moore, candidate for Supreme Judge has occupied a position on the Supreme bench of this state for the past six years and it was owing to his great abilities, his unswerving devotion to duty that made his nomination

unanimous in the State Convention. He is an untiring worker, an able judge and will be re-elected by a large majority.

Charles S. Moore, nominee for State Treasurer is a resident of Klamath County and one of its most successful business men and is very popular in that section of the State. He is considered one of the strongest nominees on the ticket.

W. H. Leeds for State Printer is the present incumbent, is a popular and affable gentleman, has made a good record and thoroughly understands the duties of the office.

D. R. N. Blackburn, of Albany is the candidate for Attorney General. He is regarded as one of the best attorneys in the State and his name upon the ticket will insure Republican success in Linn county for the entire State ticket.

J. H. Ackerman, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction is a resident of Portland and is recognized as one of the ablest instructors in the State. One thing that commends Mr. Ackerman to the people is, that he cannot be influenced by the American Book Company.

Thomas A. McBride, candidate for Circuit Judge needs no mention as to his personal qualifications or eminent fitness for the position. Everyone in Clackamas County is his friend and he virtually has no opposition for the position.

T. J. Cleeton, candidate for District Attorney has filled the position for the past two years and has made a record that has proven him entirely capable to fill the responsible duties of the office. As a public prosecutor he has been untiring in his efforts to see that the laws were strictly enforced, but has always discouraged unnecessary litigation in the interests of every county in his District. His undoubted integrity, strict attention to the duties of his office have made him a host of friends and his majority of 1000 two years ago will be doubled.

W. H. Smith, candidate for the Board of Equalization, is an old soldier, a resident of Abernethy Precinct, a true and loyal Republican and well qualified for the position. His long residence in Clackamas County and undoubted integrity and sterling qualities have won for him the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

L. L. Porter, candidate for Joint Senator is well and favorably known in Clackamas county. There is no question as to his position on the money question. When a delegate to the Convention two years ago he voted for the Gatch resolution advocating the gold standard and those who have read the Enterprise since his connection with it, know how he stands on this question. Whatever his sympathies have been in regard to the Mitchell-Simon controversy he has taken no active part favoring either faction, a fact well known in this County. No one questions his ability and his opponents respect him for his integrity, and devotion to the principals of the Republican Party.

The entire ticket is a strong one and commends itself to the support of not only Republicans, but the Sound Money Democrats as well. With the present harmonious feeling existing in the Republican Party, by appealing to the intelligence of the voters, the ticket will receive the undivided support of all the Republicans, all Sound Money Democrats, and all Populists who have been deluded by false promises of the "hold-up" wing of that party will rally to its support.

PERSONAL POLITICS

There is a tendency on the part of the Populist papers of Clackamas County toward personal journalism in the present campaign. The history of such campaigns has been that personal attacks act as a boomerang, especially when the proprietor of a newspaper is himself a candidate for a State office. As a rule, candidates for State office secure many opposition votes for the reason that it is considered an honor to a county to have one of its citizens on the State ticket. The vilification and abuse of Hon. Geo. C. Brownell, Republican candidate for State Senator is unjust and uncalled for. Mr. Brownell is conceded to be a representative citizen of Clackamas County who has served the people, honestly, faithfully and to the credit of the County. There is not a poor man that has appealed to Mr. Brownell for assistance and advice, but what has been given both free of charge and he has made many friends among that class of people.

It is all nonsense to say that Mr. Brownell is a Mitchell Republican, and

Whatever part he might have taken in the past in that controversy does not bind him to support either faction, as the question was settled at the State Convention. Mr. Brownell's record in the Legislature shows him to be a Sound Money Republican and he stands squarely upon the National Platform adopted at St. Louis and the State Platform adopted at Astoria.

If advice would be heeded it might be opportune at this time to state to those who are making a personal fight on either Mr. Brownell or any of the candidates, that we are the best political mud-slinger in this neck of the woods and a continuation of this disreputable underhanded, and cowardly warfare will result in the loading of our batteries and a campaign that will not be relished by these kindergarten politicians. No reflection is made against Mr. Fitch, of the Herald, for while a newspaper is controlled by its owner, it is sometimes influenced by politicians who have no conception of the result of personal journalism. They mean well and their ignorance along these lines might excuse them, but does not justify them in their endeavors to secure self praise for themselves and condemnation for their opponents.

With Mr. Porter, candidate for Joint Senator, it is a well known fact that he has always been an advocate of Sound Money and belongs to neither faction. No one can accuse him of flirting with either the Mitchell or Simon faction. He stands squarely on the Republican Platform and will support only Sound Money men for United States Senator. It is proper that the voters of Clackamas County should know just the position the candidates for the Legislature occupy and if they indorse their positions on this question they can vote intelligently. It is to be hoped that personal journalism will be eliminated from this campaign and the better judgment of our esteemed contemporaries will prevail.

THE MIDDLE OF THE ROADERS.

Those who believe in the principles of the Populist Party; those who advocate certain reforms which originated with the first Populist organization, indignantly repudiate the triplicate alliance formed at Portland. They know also that their Party leaders sold out two years ago in the Legislature, and hence they refuse to indorse political chicanery, simply because they are honest in their convictions. These men are known as "Middle of the Road Populists." They are being denounced by the office-seeking wing of the Populist Party because they are honest. There are many good features in the original Populist Platform, while the last one adopted at Portland is simply a fake. It is not to be wondered at that the honest element of the Populist Party refuse to sanction or support the bootler wing of that Party.

There is but one real point of difference between the Middle-of-the-Road Populists and the Republicans, and that is the Silver question. The logic of events during the past year ought to convince the voters of the folly of Free Silver. It is many years since wheat brought such prices as now are offered for it; it is a long time since so many mortgages were paid off; it is a long time since so many new houses and barns were in the course of erection. Silver has gone down while wheat has gone up, and prosperity has returned while a sound currency prevailed. It may be that silver is but the mask of Bryanism. It may be that while the Silver question is made the subject of discussion and open debate, the more revolutionary principles of the Chicago Platform are the hidden springs of Bryanistic action. It may be that the desire to confiscate railways, to half repudiate the debts of states and cities by payment of creditors in 50-cent dollars, and to make the Federal Judiciary the tool of a mob, is what will control Bryan and his followers. The Socialistic leaven is working quietly. It is true that none would suffer more acutely than the farmers of Clackamas County and the state of Oregon were the crudities of Populism to be enacted into laws. The conservative campaign of education must not flag. The infinite dangers of a debased currency, a bankrupt railway system, a dependent judiciary and a Socialistic administration must be taught clearly and patiently to a well-meaning, but deluded constituency.

THE OREGONIAN.

In its issue of the 18th, states that what public opinion is in our present national crisis can be learned only among the masses, "in the shop and on the farm," and continues that the common impulse

of the farmer and the factory hand on the destruction of the Maine was for "reparation for its damage and redress for its crime," as much as to say that this in itself should counteract every other reason why, on account of the Maine disaster, war with Spain should not already have been declared.

Now, in my own individual estimation, having been a farmer myself and for a good many generations the direct descendant of a farmer, of all the creatures on the face of God's green earth, the tiller of the soil—the old "hayseed" farmer, the "country jay"—so far as his occupation is concerned, and because of his occupation, is the most noble. His environment, his close communion with nature, his coming into contact continually with that which in life is most pure, all tend to qualify him to judge between the right and the wrong, and to judge conscientiously, so far as he is capable of grasping the situation or his opportunities permit him to weigh the vital considerations. I also believe that the majority should usually rule; but we will all admit that there are times when it should not. These are times when such momentous questions as the present arise, requiring without dispute the exercise of an intelligence that has attained to the highest possible degree of development. This, I say with due respect to myself, as well as the rest of us, the average farmer does not possess; nor is he so deficient in common sense as to make any such preposterous pretensions. The farmer and the factory hand do not want to assume the responsibility of declaring war. They have seen fit to choose from among their number representatives, including President McKinley, more capable, according to their own judgment, than they themselves would pretend to be, to act for them in the above capacity. If the majority must always rule, what then becomes of the school?

The Pendleton Tribune came out March 26th in a special issue of 25 pages, which is a credit not only to its editor, but to the County in which it is published as well as to the State. It shows up Umatilla County in a way that is bound to attract attention to its wonderfully rich resources. It is just this kind of advertising that does most to build up a new country; hence the value of an ably edited newspaper. But in order that any paper can do full justice to itself and the people and County it represents it must receive evidence of appreciation for its worthy efforts. The Enterprise warmly congratulates the Tribune and extends to it the right hand of good fellowship and a friend.

One thing bound to result from a war with Spain is the counteracting of this bitter sectionalism that the country has now languished under for thirty-five years. This is an end that alone might justify the means. Even in the fair State of Oregon to mention the name of Stonewall Jackson today is almost as great a crime as to take exception to a hot-bed of Canemah diphtheria germs.

It seems indeed that war with Spain is inevitable. If we are indebted to anyone for having up to this time averted its precipitation, it is the President; and to him we should feel grateful that our country is now better prepared for war than it would have been had war been declared twenty or even ten days ago.

"When a man has a club to keep him away from home until a late hour at night, his wife ought to have a club to induce him to remain at home."

Maybe his wife already has a club and that this is why it is the poor fellow remains away from home.

In this age of the "New Woman" are there many Joans of Arc?

"A word to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be sufficient but you ask, who are the wise? Those who know. The oft repeated experience of trustworthy persons may be taken for knowledge. Mr. W. M. Terry says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than any other in the market. He has been in the drug business at Elkton, Ky., for twelve years; has sold hundreds of bottles of this remedy and nearly all other cough medicines manufactured, which shows conclusively that Chamberlain's is the most satisfactory to the people, and is the best. For sale by Geo. A. Harding.

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