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REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET

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

THE ELDER AND THE PEOPLE.

Webster defines "Fusion" as being "the union or blending together of things, as if melted together." In political matters, in the common acceptance of the term, it means "the union of two heterogeneous classes of boddler politicians seeking for the spoils of office." The definition of the word heterogeneous is "a conglomerate mass, considered in respect to the parts of which it is made up," and no word in the English language describes the so-called union ticket nominated at Portland and in Oregon City more aptly. It is generally conceded that the object of fusion was not the adoption of a platform, but a union of two conglomerate parties for the division of the spoils of office. Had there been no offices to distribute there would have been no fusion. The free silver wing of the Democratic Party were in a hopeless minority, with no possible chance of electing a single officer. The boddler element of the Populist Party knew that if the choice of the convention had been left to the Populist Party they could not have been nominated for office, hence in order that the office-seekers and boddlers of the Populist Party might secure a seat at the government crib, they went into this tripartite agreement with the Democrats and fell upon their necks and wept.

The better element of the Populist Party, called the Middle of the Roaders, knowing that they had been betrayed two years ago by men who promised to secure remedial legislation, and who refused to take the oath of office, declined to be made parties to the compact. They are honest, sincere citizens, interested in securing an honest administration of state and county affairs, and rather than surrender the principles they hold dear to the fusion element, they prefer to vote the Republican ticket. Their actions in this particular will receive the commendation of every honest citizen. The gold standard Democrats, too, are ashamed to associate with the conglomerated mass representing political heresies and have decided to secure an honest administration of affairs through the Republican party. They do not propose to surrender the affairs of Clackamas County or the state into the hands of a horde of hungry

office-seekers and boddler politicians, nor surrender their time-honored principles to anarchists and free-booters. This is the situation in Clackamas County today, and the result will be that the popo-fusionists will be driven from the citadel and consigned to an ignominious grave.

Then there is another element in this fusion venture—the Free Silver Republicans—of which Rev. Barclay, candidate for Joint Senator, is a prototype. Barclay is a Jonah and as he is a minister of the gospel we will compare him with the Jonah of old. Barclay wants to destroy the Republican Party, Jonah wanted to destroy the City of Ninevah. Circumstances over which Jonah had no control made him the prototype of Elder Barclay, facile princeps of chronic kickers, the high priest of professional calamity howlers. He received a call to cry against Ninevah because of its cussedness, but seems to have had a presentment that the job wouldn't pay and tried to jump it. We are not advised what awful wickedness the city planted by Ninus and watered by Sennacherib had been guilty of. Perhaps they had a Populist Legislature who sold their souls for a mess of Bourne pottage. The people may have blasphemed the Golden Calf, declared against the money of the constitution, or hinted that they were better off when wrestling with the flesh-pots of Democracy than trailing a Populist King across barren deserts to a Babylonian captivity. When Jonah found himself in the internal regions of the whale, our peripatetic prophet of Galilee repented of his sins. We all do when they fail to pay the expected dividends. Jonah decided that he would rather go to Ninevah and found a Populist calamity club than travel a perpetual traveler in the prototype of Jules Verne's Nautilus; so he offered up penitential prayers, made fair promises and was permitted to go ashore. As Elder Barclay bawls against the Republicans, so Jonah bawled against Ninevah:

"Yet forty days and Ninevah shall be overthrown."

Such a calamity cry as that, coming from a man whom we have no evidence had taken a bath or changed his shirt since associating with the whale, was enough to frighten a marble Caryatid into convulsions. Just what awful punishment would have been inflicted upon the fair city we are left to conjecture. The Lord might have sunk it beneath a sea of bitter waters, as he did Sodom; sent the seven-year locusts, or saddled it with a Populist administration. But the God of the Jews seems to have been open to conviction. That's where he differed from a Populist. After the hot wave prognosticator had put out his bulletins, he got him out of the city and built a Jackal a considerable distance from the spot where his curse was to get action and deliberately sat him down to see the show. He expected nothing less than the utter destruction of the city—in which were 60,000 infants. "also much cattle." On the morning of the fortieth day, we may well suppose, he arose bright and early. Beyond the Tigris the heralds of the sun are flaming in the sky. Now the great day-god shows his shining disc, lingers a moment as tho' loath to leave Aurora's loving arms, then wheels up in stately majesty and pours his golden splendors full upon Assyria's mighty capital. The sun sinks like a globe of gold into the plain far beyond Zab, and the crescent moon is trying to clasp love's brilliant star to her concave breast. The rinz of the hammer and the shrill cry of the herdsmen are hushed, and from park and garden come peals of mirth and music. The hour grows late, the music ceases and the midnight quiet is broken only by the prayers of an ascetic worshipping the host of heaven and the whoop of an unhappy married man going home from the Populist primaries in charge of a pair of policemen. No wonder Jonah felt that his star was evil—that through no fault of his own a great three-cornered hiatus had been kicked in his political fence. So he went to the Lord, we may fairly infer from the trend of the matter and said:

"Look here, you've busted me up in business. I'd be a hanged sight better off had I taken my stand squarely on the Chicago platform and defended the money of the constitution, instead of joining the Populist Party and clamoring for currency contraction." The Lord said unto Jonah, as the people will say unto Elder Barclay:

"The calamity clacker, like the cut-worm and the cholera microbe, hath its

uses. Here was Ninevah growing careless. It had been prosperous too long under Republican paganism, so that it was losing sight of the eternal principles of the Jeffersonian Democracy. The old towa had become dead to argument and indifferent to political duty; so I stirred you up to grow a crop of anarchical whiskers, an abnormal gall, the same as a Populist, and had you spout reform and calamity from the beer kegs at the corners. You have served my purpose. You received \$80 from a Portland banker, refused to take the oath of office, sold out your party. Verily, verily, I say unto you, it will be worse with you on the 6th day of June than it was with Sodom and Gomorah! Selah!"

No more apt illustration of Elder Barclay's gymnastic girations can possibly be given than the above. We may be a little off on scripture, but the facts are unanswerable.

POPULIST SCHEMES.

The scheme of the Populists, to attempt to divert attention from the real issues of the campaign in Clackamas County, by attempting to make the people believe that there had been a combination between Brownell, Ryan and others will not have the desired effect. As a prominent Populist said:

"We don't want to say anything about the hold-up, and the only way we can win this fight is to try and make the people believe there is a scheme of some kind between Brownell and other candidates on the Republican ticket. Of course we cannot prove that there is any scheme, but we will make the people believe it anyhow."

That this is the avowed object of the Populists is attested by the fact, that both the Populists papers in this county never refer to any of the principles of the Party or to the Money question, but are continually harping on the Brownell et al combination. They do not expect to make any Populist votes by this procedure, but they think they can alienate enough Republican votes from disappointed candidates, to defeat the Republican ticket.

There is not a Republican who was a candidate for office in the Republican Convention that can be made to believe this silly rot. They are imbued with a certain amount of common sense and are not the fools the Populists take them to be. They may feel a little injustice was done to their political aspirations in the County Convention; that they were more entitled to a nomination than others who were nominated, but if they are loyal Republicans, they will hesitate a long time before they will vote to put a Populist in office, considering the record of that Party in this State and the last Legislature.

Neither the Populists papers or orators care to refer in any way to the hold-up in the Legislature. They have admitted their guilt; they have admitted they were false to their promises and sworn pledges; that they violated every promise of reform made to the people and brought disgrace upon themselves, upon the Party they represented and upon the people of Clackamas County. They posed as reformers before the people and asked for the suffrages of the people upon promises of reform in the administration of State affairs. They yelled themselves hoarse on the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and then played into the hands of a gold standard banker, and made it possible for the appointment as United States Senator of a man who was an advocate of the single-gold standard. Instead of taking the oath of office and trying to secure remedial Legislation; the abolishment of trusts, corporations and useless commissions, they sold themselves out, body and soul, to one of the most notorious boddler outfits that has ever disgraced the State. In consideration for their services, they were paid by a Portland banker the sum of \$80 each, with the exception of the ring-leader who was paid \$2,000 and deposited it in the East Portland bank, saying that it was a part of his remuneration for services rendered in the Legislative hold-up.

It is contended as a palliation for the crime committed, that there were a half dozen Republicans mixed up in the Legislative hold-up. Admitting this to be true, for the sake of argument, will some intelligent Populist (if there be one) explain what is the use of electing Populists to the Legislature if they will sell out to the Republicans? Why not elect Republicans? If a Populist only goes to the Legislature to sell out to the

Republicans, then it is a waste of time and money to elect them. We can only judge the Populist in the future by their record in the past. True, it does not cost much money to buy a Populist, if the price paid at the last session of the Legislature is any criterion. They are so anxious to secure an office, that they are willing to work for reduced wages. That is what they say in their Clackamas County Platform. While the salary does not cut much of a figure with them, yet on every other question of labor, they are in favor of the highest wages. Of course, there is not the chance for speculation with the common laborer, nor the opportunities to steal that is afforded a Populist office holder. If they can ride into office on a Platform of low salaries, and then steal enough to make up the deficiency, the taxpayers will gain nothing in the long run. A man that will reduce wages and salaries, in order to secure a position for himself will steal. He would steal the molasses off a blind man's pancake.

The efforts of the Populists to try and keep the real issues of the campaign from the people will not pan out. When a Populist takes the average voter for a sucker, he often runs up against the wrong man. What the people of Clackamas County want, is an explanation of the Legislative hold-up. The Populists dare not refer to this matter. Their record is before the people and if the people act honestly in the interests of good government, honest officials, economic administration of affairs, they will render their verdict on the hold-up in no uncertain sound on the 6th day of June. If they are honest to themselves, to the public and to the state, they will vote against every Populist that was mixed up in the Legislative hold-up. Party ties will not hold an honest man to the indorsement of rascality in their party leaders. Party affiliations will not permit of an endorsement of one of the most infamous crimes in the history of the State. The people of Clackamas County have not forgotten the actions of the Populists in the last Legislature, and the efforts of the Populist papers and orators to attempt to divert the attention of the voters from the real issues, with a constant rehash of the old stereotyped talk about "combinations," and the "big four," will not prevent the voters from giving an expression of their opinions on this nefarious business on election day. The voters of Clackamas County must either endorse the actions of the Populists or condemn them. We have confidence in the honor of the voters of Clackamas county to believe that they will do their duty and administer such a rebuke to the Populist Party at the polls, that it will drive them off of the political arena.

CAMPAIGN LIES.

A witness false in one part of his testimony is presumed to be false in others, is a maxim of law. A newspaper that will wilfully misrepresent facts in one particular will misrepresent them in others. This latter clause refers to the Herald. In last week's issue that paper pretends to show up Senator Brownell's record while in the State Senate. The whole article is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end and shows not only a want of respect for the truth, but an unpardonable ignorance as to legislative matters. An illustration of this is found in the statement made by the Herald that "Senator Brownell introduced Senate bill No. 84, to abolish the Railroad Commission, had it referred to the Committee on Railroads, of which he was chairman, but never got it before the Senate for a vote on its final passage."

Senate bill No. 84 was a bill introduced by Senator Denny to amend the laws of Oregon relative to the time at which executors and administrators shall report.

Senate bill No. 44 was the bill introduced by Senator Brownell to repeal the Railroad Commission. On page 464 of the Senate Journal is the following:

REPORT. SENATE CHAMBERS, Feb. 12, 1895. Mr. President—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 44, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. GEO. C. BROWNELL, Chairman.

We simply publish these facts to show the supreme ignorance of alleged political reformers and publishers of reform papers. Again, the Herald says: "Mr. Brownell introduced Senate bill No. 59, to create the office of Bank Commissioner at a

salary of \$2,500 a year and actual traveling expenses."

This is true, but the Herald fails to state that the bill provided that the salary and expenses of the Bank Commissioner should "be paid pro rata by the banks." It was done to protect depositors from dishonest banks and had the support of Senator King, the Populist candidate for Governor.

Space prevents a refutation of the charges made against Senator Brownell, but the above suffices to show the dense ignorance of the author of these charges. The best refutation of all the charges made by the Herald last week against Senator Brownell is an article written to the Herald by W. S. U'Ren and published in that paper on Friday, March 5, 1895. Mr. U'Ren says:

"The writer spent about five weeks of the session at Salem, working principally for a law calling a constitutional convention in 1896, to submit a new constitution to the voters, including the initiative and referendum, and incidentally to get the election laws so amended that the county court would be obliged to appoint judges of election in each precinct from three different parties, who should be recommended by the respective county central committees. The Republican political machine was strong enough to defeat both bills, though only after a very bitter contest in the State Senate. Hon. George Brownell led the fight in favor of these laws and made two of the ablest speeches of the session in their favor. * * * The people of Oregon cannot award too great praise to Senator Brownell and the other Republican Senators who defied the party whip and all the power and threats of the machine."

"W. S. U'REN"

This is a complete refutation of all the charges made against Senator Brownell. If all that Mr. U'Ren says was true on March 8, 1895, it is true today. Mr. U'Ren will not deny writing that letter and the Herald cannot deny that it was published in that paper on March 5, 1895.

The campaign editor of the Enterprise was a member of the Legislature in 1895 and knows what he is talking about. We can knock all such false assertions galley-west in the first round. We have the documents to prove all our assertions and defy Mr. Brownell's traducers to prove any of the charges made.

TO WHICH CLASS DO YOU BELONG? Of the men eager to enlist in war there are two classes; those willing to sacrifice their lives to their country because they believe this the best use to be made of life and that the best use is the highest use, and that to the young or to die old is practically the same thing since either is a question of only a few short years. These men of course must anticipate a happier existence in the hereafter. The other class is composed of reckless adventurers, cowards, who, but for a war in which to end their existence, would in all probability commit suicide outright.

On the other hand there are two classes who are not eager to enlist in war. One of these is composed of men who, like the first of the preceding classes, believe that the best use we can make of life is the highest use, but who do not agree that the chief end of man is to die in war. On the contrary they consider that by living their full natural lives a far better opportunity is afforded them to serve their country as well as their God than can possibly be given to the ordinary soldier in modern war, particularly should he be killed in the prime of life. For instance, men who are ambitious, who are endowed with more than ordinary ability, but who are humble and God-fearing men, could by their good work in endeavoring to avert human strife accomplish far more for their country than would be possible under the mad excitement and reckless exposure to certain death invariably to be found in war, especially if they be instilled with that human kindness, that love of Nature, that charm for earthly existence, the things that make man happy, that inspire him to noble action and noble deed.

The other one of these last two classes is composed of men who are selfish, who love life as they probably do riches and would like to have it extended indefinitely, but who care for naught else than their own individual selves and feel that they are entitled to be left undisturbed so long as they do not interfere with the rights of others. A great many of this class will be found in New York City. It does seem a pity

to disturb their inoffense slumbers, but if war is ever necessary, these are the very men that should be forced to the front—willing or not willing.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

The antipathy to secret societies that once existed has changed during the past few years. There was a time that these organizations were looked upon with disfavor, and considerable opposition was manifest, especially in church circles. But when it was discovered that all of these secret societies were organized for the purpose of the uplifting of mankind; the cementing more closely together of the ties of universal brotherhood and the practice of charity, opinion changed and they are now regarded with favor by those who once opposed them. Secret societies do more for charity than all other organizations combined. They care for the sick, administer to the dying and protect the orphans and widows. They alleviate suffering, provide for the destitute and are founded upon principles that have redounded to all mankind. Two thirds of the people of the State of Oregon belong to secret societies. Many of the opponents of secret societies are now enrolled as the most enthusiastic workers. There is no religious requirements in secret societies, no attempt to dictate religious beliefs, but every member is allowed to follow the dictates of his own conscience.

There is but one organization in Oregon that is opposed to secret societies, and that is the United Brethren church, of which Rev. H. L. Barclay, Populist candidate for Joint Senator is pastor. Rev. Barclay is opposed to secret societies of every kind and description and has preached against them, misrepresented them and refused to associate with members thereof. His antipathy has grown to hatred and he has frequently abused his best friends because they belonged to secret societies. No member of the church of which he is pastor is allowed to be a member of any secret order. These facts are well known to the various secret organizations and they propose to express their opinion of Elder Barclay at the polls on the 6th day of June.

THE ROAD TAX.

There seems to be a misapprehension relative to the Road tax question in Clackamas County. According to the views expressed by the Herald, an injustice has been done the County by the passage of the Oregon City Charter bill in which the city is allowed to retain 60 per cent and the County 40 per cent of the Road taxes. This does not mean, as the Herald ignorantly attempts to assume, that 60 per cent of all the Road taxes collected within the corporate limits of Oregon City is retained by the City and 40 per cent goes to County outside of the City.

Oregon City is the only City in the State but what receives every dollar of Road taxes. It is generally conceded that all Road taxes collected in each Road district, ought to be spent on County roads in that district, but as the law now stands, only 60 per cent of the Road taxes collected in Oregon City can be spent within the City limits, the remaining 40 per cent going to the country districts. But the modus operandi of wilfully misinforming the people which emanates in the Herald office will fall flat when the truth is published.

THAT FINANCIAL SHOWING.

The Populist organ of Clackamas County publishes a comparative table in which they attempt to show that there has been a saving of \$8,212.36 to the county during the Populist administration. As usual there is no explanation as to how this money was saved—if it was saved—but like all Populistic documents and arguments, it is misleading and intended to deceive. If there has been any saving it is not due to the Populist administration of affairs, but is entirely due to a Republican county court, which allows and pays for deputies, clerical assistance, stationery, etc. The Enterprise is preparing a table with full explanations that will refute the table published last week and prove to the people conclusively that there is no foundation in fact for the alleged saving made to the county. The Populists promised the people two years ago that if elected they would make the salary of the office pay all deputy hire, etc. We propose to prove that they have not kept that promise. There are many other discrepancies in that financial showing that will not stand investigation.