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The way to build up Oregon City is to give Oregon City People your Patronage.

THE COURIER-HERALD last week contained a lengthy article on "Cator Deserts Populism." That the bulk of the article was stolen, no one who is familiar with the writings of the editor of that paper will for a moment doubt. But, let us examine into the closing clause (which he probably did write) and the thought he would impress upon his populist readers. Let us quote, at the close, word for word, his main sentence. It fairly sets before our people the plan proposed by democracy to bulldoze into line the populists—men who defied and abandoned both of the old parties—men who had heard the democratic politicians howl about the gold standard; about trusts and combines; the "robber" tariff and objections filed against the republican party. These honest voters were displeased with the party in power, and many of them took stock in democratic promises. They helped elect a democrat president, a democratic senate, and a democratic house, and a democratic administration from top to bottom. What did democracy give us? Free coinage? No. Did it legislate against trusts and combines? No. Did it attempt to abolish or restrict the power of national banks? No. Did it reduce the national appropriations? No, on the contrary, it increased them. Did its, so-called, "free raw material," policy give us prosperity? Well, we all know the result.

"Equal justice to all, special privileges to none" says the Courier-Herald. God help us; since when has that become the slogan of democracy? But where is there a populist, worthy of the name, who will allow himself to decorate the mucus membrane of the stomach of democracy? Where is there a "pop" who will be whipped into line for democratic appointments of democratic postmasters, and other federal appointments who only love for populists is to swallow them? In our humble opinion, they're almighty scarce.

Yet, they refer to the pop who don't swing into line as a democrat—a Bryan—a Croker—a Bob Miller—democrat as a "Judas," etc. a "Benedict Arnold," etc. Why, where does the democratic party stand today on expansion? Hopelessly divided. Where does it stand on the silver question? Hopelessly divided. Where on the question of national banks? Hopelessly divided. What did it do when in complete control of this nation? Nothing; worse than nothing. On what is it united? On the postoffices and the federal appointments.

"Equal justice to all; special privileges to none." In other words, we don't care what you put in the platform so you give us the offices." That is democracy, pure and simple, and the Courier-Herald would denounce as a Benedict Arnold every populist who will not subscribe to its record and its doctrines. There may be some who will "fall in," but, "there are others." Let us not lose sight, however, of the plan adopted by the Courier-Herald to draft into the service of democracy the scattered forces of populism. Here it is: read it and "fall in."

When Judas sold his Master the remaining disciples of the Great Reformer did not renounce Him—(incidentally Judas hanged himself) and the cause of the great reformer continued to grow and spread. When Benedict Arnold sold the cause of American liberty to the British not another patriot soldier followed his dastardly lead (incidentally Benedict Arnold died a self-despised exile, despised by all mankind) but the cause of our forefathers, was won. The fact that Cator has published to the world, or the fact that a hundred Cators would publish to the world their perfidy will not effect the everlasting principles of true democracy, "equal rights to all, special privileges to none."

Let us repeat: "The everlasting principles of democracy." What are they? If we may judge from the record made by the party when in power, they are a continuance of every vice practiced before they got into power and a change of postmasters. Democracy has been tried and found wanting and we defy the Courier-Herald to show us wherein any honest American citizen can find justification from the record in supporting that party or the men who have and will continue to dominate it when in power.

AN IMPORTANT MEASURE.

Senator Porter has introduced a bill relating to taxation that, if enacted into law will place a large part of the burden of state taxes on the great corporations doing business in the state but which practically escape taxation under our present law. Several states having this law get nearly enough revenue from these corporations to pay their state taxes. Commenting on Senator Porter's bill, the Oregonian says:

It is conceded that the burden of taxation falls too heavily on real estate; but the attempt to tax credits secured on real estate does not lighten the burden, but increases it. It compels those who must have money to pay more for it, and puts hindrances upon the financial transactions to which debtors must resort for relief. And it all comes out of the land, at least; for the lender and creditor has the control of the transaction in his own hands, and no statute can be devised that will take it out of them.

Some advocate the single land tax; but we have it, virtually, already. Land in many places is so heavily burdened with public charges as practically to annihilate private property in it. If real estate is again to have value, means must be devised of relieving it of part of its burdens. Taxation of securities based on land would be no relief, since the holder of the security can always escape the tax. New ways of relief should be devised, to the extent at least of the state tax. How this could be done was shown some years ago by the tax commission appointed under the act of 1885. It was recommended that railroad, express, insurance, telegraph, telephone and sleeping-car companies should be required, in return for privileges granted them, to pay into the state treasury, direct, a moderate tax on the business transacted, in lieu of all other taxes; and this could be easily be adjusted so as to meet all the requirements of the state government. The cost of maintaining the state government would thus be taken from the real estate and placed upon certain lines of business that have privileges from the state. The report that carried these recommendations was signed by Henry Failing, W. G. Herren, A. Nasburg, S. Hughes, C. J. Smith and William Hall. Other states gather their revenues wholly or in part from these sources. New Jersey is a conspicuous instance, where there is no direct state tax on property. We believe that a change in this direction is to be one of the prominent features in reform of taxation.

Our present high tax levy is the subject of much comment. To those who have not carefully looked into the matter, it may be inferred that the levy by the present county court for county purposes is larger than previous levies. This is not the case. The county levy is a trifle lower than the levy last year. The increase is brought

about by the increase in the state levy, which is 5.7 mills this year against 3.5 mills last year.

Governor Lord, in his farewell message to the legislature, explained why the state levy was increased. He said:

I desire to call your attention to the fact that the tax levy of this year is greatly increased on account of appropriations made by the special session for objects not anticipated or contemplated by the board when the tax levy was made, to-wit: \$33,000 for the Eastern Oregon asylum lands, \$41,000 for the unorganized legislature of 1897, \$15,000 for the Omaha exposition, \$25,000 for an agricultural college building, and others, making in all a total of about \$200,000 in excess of the amount levied by the board, one-fourth of the entire tax levy.

In justice to County Judge Ryan, a correction is due him from the Enterprise. This paper reserves the right to censure any and all of our county officials when, in our opinion, they deserve it. In an item in our last issue, however, announcing the death of James Morton, an itinerant, we said that the county judge refused to telegraph his parents of his sudden death in this city. Subsequent inquiry justifies us in stating that Judge Ryan was sick at the time and had no knowledge of the facts in the case and was not asked to send the telegram. The misunderstanding came about through a clashing of the city and county authorities. That the telegram should have been sent, all admit, but under the circumstances, the blame does not rest on Judge Ryan, and in justice to him we make this correction.

THE effort in this state to erect a suitable monument to the memory of our Oregon boys who went to the front at the call of duty and lost their lives in the service of their country is a most worthy movement. The plan is fully outlined in an article published elsewhere in this issue. Mr. H. L. Kelly, who has been appointed to solicit and account for the fund in this county, will see to it that Clackamas county will do her full share in this matter as it did in furnishing volunteers to go to the front.

THE great unsolved problem in American statesmanship is the restoration of American ships to the foreign carrying trade. An attempt to solve it is to be made during the present session of congress, through a bill introduced in the senate by Senator Hanna, and in the house by Representative Payne, which proposes that the United States government shall pay to American ships in the foreign trade an annual sum but little more than half that paid by France to her shipping in the foreign trade.

THE present state legislature, while almost swamped with a multitude of silly and superfluous bills offered by legislators anxious to please somebody, promises to give the state but few new measures, and a general reduction of salaries and expenses all along the line. The opportunities along the line of better legislation was never greater than this year. While they may not improve it to its fullest extent, let us be thankful that they have already done much in the right direction.

SENATOR BROWNELL'S bill to make road overseers elective instead of appointive passed the senate yesterday. This measure will meet with the approval of a large majority of our people, irrespective of party. The senator has several other measures of importance up for consideration and is making a record this session of which he may justly feel proud.

THE Carroll Times compares "these weak-kneed democrats who for policy's sake would consent to making the ratio a less prominent issue" to "the pirates who offered to endorse the ten commandments if the two forbidding killing and stealing were omitted."

THE supreme court has decided that all county and state warrants protested prior to October 15, 1898,

draw interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum until paid, and that the law passed at the special session of the legislature, reducing the legal rate of interest to 6 per cent, is not retroactive.

THE Oregon City Water Commission is to be commended on its efforts to procure a pure water supply from the Clackamas for Oregon City. In this movement they have the support of the populace, unanimoously.

THERE is a democratic editor out in Eastern Oregon, who has not yet heard that Dewey is a republican.

The policy of the United States toward the Philippines has been defined in a proclamation cabled to Manila by President McKinley. It is to extend the present military government to all parts of the archipelago; but to continue in force, so far as possible, existing municipal laws and tribunals. The natives are given assurance that the American authorities come as friends, to protect them in all their rights. The subordinate officers are to be chosen, so far as practicable, from the inhabitants of the islands. The mission of the United States is defined as one of "benevolent assimilation," and the people are promised the blessings of good and stable government. It is announced that all ports will be opened to the commerce of all friendly nations.—Youth's Companion.

The Irish elections held under the new county government law, which affords a large measure of home rule to the country, have resulted in signal triumphs of the so-called laborite candidates as opposed to the landlord element. For the first time in seven centuries the common people were allowed a voice in their local affairs, and they used it, as far as it was possible for them to see, to their own advantage. The influence of the clergy was thrown on the side of the matter of government, but the common people very generally ignored the commands of their spiritual advisers and cast their ballots as they deemed best. One remarkable result of the election is that in Armagh, the hotbed of Unionism, the Nationalists carried the day by an overwhelming majority.—Inter Ocean.

A Manifesto from Aguinaldo, who claims to be president of the Filipino Republic, was posted at Manila immediately after the proclamation was published by General Otis. Aguinaldo in this manifesto declared that he had never agreed to recognize the sovereignty of the American government. He exhorted his followers to maintain their ground by force until they should secure absolute independence. This manifesto, taken in connection with the defiant attitude of the insurgents at Iloilo, creates a difficult situation.—Youth's Companion.

A train which ran between Philadelphia and Atlantic City last summer is credited with the world's record for fast regular trips. The distance run is fifty-five and a half miles and the scheduled time was fifty minutes, making the rate sixty-six and six-tenths miles per hour. But this time was often beaten, the fastest run having been made at the average speed of seventy-four and four-tenths miles per hour.

Think of living a year or two after one is dead; dead to all practical intents and purposes—dead, with the autograph of death inscribed on brow and cheek and lip. Thousands of women live for a year or two after all help has gone out of their lives. When a woman becomes hopelessly helpless and unhappy and unpracticable, she is practically dead. The young woman to whom the future is a dreary waste, the young wife who is a helpless, nervous invalid, the mother whose babes are a burden instead of a blessing,—all these, unless they take the right measures to recover their health, are better dead than living. In the majority of cases these ghosts of women owe their condition to weakness and disease of the distinctly feminine organism. Frequently they have been deceived by the incorrect diagnosis of some obscure physician and do not understand the true nature of their trouble. It only costs a two-cent postage stamp for a woman to write and describe her condition to Dr. R. V. Pierce, an eminent and skillful specialist, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y. He will answer letters from ailing women without charge. He is the discoverer of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, the greatest of all known medicines for women. It acts directly on the delicate organs concerned in maternity and makes them strong, healthy and vigorous. It banishes the indispositions of the anxious period and makes baby's coming easy and almost painless. It cures all disorders and displacements and checks exhausting drains.

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A MUNICIPAL TRADEMARK.

Kansas City Adopts a Label For All Her Manufactured Goods.

Kansas City has adopted a trademark. Hereafter it will appear on all manufactured goods sent out from that wide awake city. The design was selected by the directors of the Manufacturers' association from 78 which were submitted. It consists of a map of the United States with Kansas City represented by a star in the exact center. Above the star hovers an eagle with outspread wings.

Just as all goods manufactured in Germany, Austria or England are labeled "Made in Germany," "Made in



KANSAS CITY'S TRADEMARK.

Austria," etc., so will all products sent from Kansas City be designated, only the legend will localize the origin of the goods. It is expected that this will boom things. A Kansas City paper, in speaking of the trademark, takes this rosy view of the future:

"The label will herald to the world the fact that the goods bearing it were made in Kansas City, U. S. A. Before long it will be seen everywhere. Away in the uttermost parts of the earth the cannibal who prefers pickled missionary to any other toothsome dainties will pick up an empty can bearing the label and, with the help of a dictionary, 'Made in Kansas City, U. S. A.' will spell out the fact that the can came from this great and growing young city of the west. Where the pyramids of Egypt have stood for ages the dark skinned Egyptians and the pale faced strangers from other lands will find Kansas City canned meats and will read the Kansas City label. In the icebound north the Eskimo will rub some of the grease fat out of eyes accustomed to look only for the benefits to be derived from north pole explorers, and after eating the goods, whatever they may be, will frame the label as a sort of 'God Bless Our Home' souvenir.

"The label and the consequent boom in all Kansas City products will also be the means of inducing manufacturers to locate here. They know a good thing when they see it, and when they hear that shoes made in Kansas City, U. S. A., are favored in the south sea islands and in Kamchatka, and that canned meats are having a civilizing influence on cannibals, to say nothing of all the other home products that are labeling as well as circling the world, they will be glad to come to Kansas City and manufacture their goods here."

The First Celebration of Christmas.

Christmas was first celebrated in the year 98, but it was 40 years later before it was officially adopted as a Christian festival. Nor was it until about the fifth century that the day of its celebration became permanently fixed on the 25th of December. Up to that time it had been irregularly observed at various times of the year—in December, in April and in May, but most frequently in January.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Arthur Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at Charman & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

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