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

When McKinley and Mark Hanna get their mouths to working on the theme of prosperity, Bryan will have no more chance than a pig pen in a Kansas cyclone.

If you are still a democrat when next fall rolls around, you will have a privilege of voting for what you don't want.

The very latest fad adopted by the men is the wearing of shirtwaists. Whatever else may be said about it, they won't call it the same old shirt tale.

Several of the candidates for president seem to be under the impression that in accepting the nomination they are really accepting the office.

Li HUNG CHANG says the allies will not be allowed to enter Pekin, but fortunately the allies took their guns along.

If there ever was such a thing as National suicide, China has committed it.

The gold democrats are always on the winning side. While in their own party it was successful a portion of the time. They won when they voted for McKinley and they will again be victorious when they vote for him this fall.

BRYAN AS PRESIDENT.

Imagine Mr. Bryan elected president and installed in office. The country is in a state of unrest and apprehension. Business men have taken in rail until business is practically at a standstill. An extra session of the new congress is urged on the one hand and advised against on the other. Mr. Bryan finally yields and calls congress together. It is announced that he is about to begin writing his message. What will it contain? The people everywhere are curious, and Washington fills up with Northern men and Southern men, Eastern men, and Western men, all anxious for a word with the president as to what in their opinion the situation calls for.

The Northern and Eastern men urge a conservative course. Do nothing to add to the distrust of business circles. Knock off some of the war taxes, and let it go at that. On no account mention either silver or the tariff, or the deuce will be to pay. The Western and Southern men, and particularly the populists, urge a straight declaration. Why undertake to cover up? Mr. Bryan's views are known, and on the strength of them he obtained hearty and heavy support in the West and South. Shall he now go back on those who made him?

Are free silver and tariff reform to be shunted at the instance of those democrats under whose counsels Grover Cleveland wrecked himself and temporarily the democratic party?

How would Mr. Bryan come out of a

test like that? Wait and see how he comes out of the present test. He is on trial now. The Kansas City platform follows the lines of his dictation, and his wishes also prevail in the matter of his running mate. What will the harvest be?

PROSPERITY AND FAILURES.

The commercial agencies have been calling attention to the fact that while business is prosperous, factories are running overtime to fill their orders, railroads are earning increased dividends, and the volume of foreign trade is greater than it has ever been before in the history of the country, the bank clearings are falling off and failures are increasing. To present the figures of comparison, the bank clearings for the first week of July of this year were 21.1 per cent less than they were for the corresponding week of last year—a decline of nearly one-quarter. At the same time the failures for the first six months of 1900 aggregated \$100,570,000 as against \$49,664,000 for the corresponding period of 1899. Here is an increase of more than one hundred per cent.

Upon the surface this looks like an exceedingly bad financial condition for the current year. An analysis of the figures, however, develops a very different showing. The key to the whole matter is found in the fact that last year saw the high-water mark in the organization of industrial trusts; this year has witnessed the weeding out of the purely speculative institutions. That this liquidation is taking place without disturbing general business conditions is cause for congratulation. The speculative character of the failures is shown by the fact that brokerage and real estate account for \$19,800,000 of the \$61,000,000 increase in failures, and banking institutions for \$18,200,000 more. The banks assisted in financing the purely speculative industries, and they are reaping the whirlwind.

While speculation accounts for the greater part of the increased failures of the year, a secondary cause is to be found in the unnatural forcing up of prices, particularly of iron and steel. Don's agency declares that, in spite of this, cause for satisfaction is found in the fact that business has been on the whole, so soundly conducted under conditions of unusual danger. Continuing, they say that the efforts of the last few months to get back to a normal state of business have been largely successful, and when this is seen and the remarkable steadiness in the number and size of the great majority of failures not for exceptional amounts, there appears ground for especial satisfaction.

FOREIGNERS IN CHINA.

Concerning the number of foreigners in China there is more definite knowledge than as to the number of Chinese. Such knowledge, at least, is obtainable, although there is a probability that the usual estimate of foreign population is too high. That all aliens, in case of a general uprising there, would be in danger, there can be no doubt, for of Mongols and Tartars there are such hordes as could sweep out of existence any unarmed mass aggregating no more than a few thousands.

The total foreign population in China is small, and apparently nowhere accurately recorded. Of the few thousands there, a large proportion could find refuge in some of the larger cities where the allied troops and the ships of powerful nations would, at least, give temporary protection. Shanghai is, so far as other lands are concerned, the commercial centre of China. Naturally there drift to its representatives of all countries, twenty-four classes being scheduled with classification not complete, so there may be several others. Foremost come the British, with a total of 6,874; of these, 1,182 are men, 721 women, and 788 children. Probably if real danger exists, many of these have already started homeward. Next after the British come Portuguese, Japanese, and Germans. Then follow the Americans, with an aggregate of 562, there being 231 men, 183 women, and 148 children. Thus it will be seen that in Shanghai fewer white people are jeopardized by the present situation than had been supposed. Indeed, it is questionable if real danger exists there.

In outlying districts there are many, particularly missionaries and their dependents, who are cut off from any hope of rescue, provided need for rescue arise and have failed to take warning in time.

To receive intelligence concerning these is impossible for the present. They may already have found adequate shelter, or the tide of destruction may sweep by leaving them unharmed. In the absence of definite report there is surely no wisdom in accepting as true all the horrible rumors emanating from the seat of turmoil. Many of the most blood-curdling of these have proved utterly false. Unhappily, the truth about China is bad enough. There is no occasion for exaggerating it or believing it to be worse than demonstrated facts reveal.—Argonaut.

BOTH SIDES CONSIDERED.

All sorts of things may happen in four years. Conditions change and people sometimes think differently on the same issues. Then, too, even in the most successful presidential elections there are always close margins. When Cleveland was elected over Blaine a change of six hundred votes in New York state would have reversed the result, and in that contest the prohibitionists polled in New York alone over twenty five thousand votes.

Major McKinley's success four years ago was the most marked in American politics for nearly a quarter of a century. His plurality over Mr. Bryan was upward of six hundred thousand, and the electoral vote stood McKinley 271, Bryan 176. The majorities here seem overwhelming, but in presidential contests the popular plurality has little to do with the case. Indeed, in several of the elections the winning man has had the plurality against him. The interest of the figures of the last contest rests in the fact that a change of forty eight electoral votes would have elected Mr. Bryan.

The following table will show how this has been reduced to a closer margin than many people supposed it could be:

	Plurality	Electoral Vote
California.....	2,797	8
West Virginia.....	11,487	6
Oregon.....	2,117	4
Indiana.....	18,181	15
Kentucky.....	281	12
North Dakota.....	5,649	3
Totals.....	40,512	48

California has 9 electoral votes, Kentucky 13. Bryan, in 1896, had 1 electoral vote from each state; hence the figures given above.

If 20,257 of the votes had been taken from McKinley and transferred to Bryan the whole election would have been changed and Mr. Bryan would have been president today; or if the other votes should be the same in the coming election he should get these 20,257, he will succeed Mr. McKinley.

But it does not do in political calculations to figure exclusively upon one side. Other returns have interest. For instance, Bryan carried the following states by slender pluralities:

	Plurality	Electoral Vote
Wyoming.....	583	3
South Dakota.....	183	3
Tennessee.....	17,405	12
Kansas.....	12,269	10
Nebraska.....	13,576	8
Totals.....	44,106	37

So, if 22,054 of these votes had been transferred from Bryan to McKinley, or if they should be transferred this year, the other states remaining as in 1896, McKinley would get 308 votes in the electoral college to 139 for Bryan—or considerably more than twice as many as Bryan.

These things show the great uncertainties that attend a presidential election, and when you add two million new voters to the combinations that can be made, the prudent man will wait until the returns are in before being sure of the results. In the meanwhile, each party makes its claims. Mr. Bryan declines to concede a single state and Chairman Hanna declares the democrats will poll fewer votes than in 1896.—Saturday Evening Post.

The wolf in the fable put on sheep's clothing because if he traveled on his own reputation he couldn't accomplish his purpose. Counterfeiters of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve couldn't sell their worthless waxes on their merits, so they put them in boxes like DeWitt's. Look out for them. Take only DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cures piles and all skin diseases. Geo. A. Harding.

You assume no risk when you buy Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Geo. A. Harding will refund your money if you are not satisfied after using it. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful remedy in use for bowel complaints and the only one that never fails. It is pleasant, safe and reliable. Geo. A. Harding, Druggist.

CLACKAMAN TEACHERS.

Names of Some of Those Who Will Serve During the Ensuing Year.

Following are some of the Clackamas County schools that have secured teachers for the ensuing year:

J. E. Mitts, of Needy, will teach at Brown's school at New Era.
Miss Ada S. Teal, of Portland, at Wilhoit.
Ines Thompson, of Stafford, Joint District No. 30.
Eve Todd, Phelps' school, near New Era.
J. G. Noe teaches school south of New Era.
Vera Knight, primary department of Canby school.
Vesta Knight, primary department of Needy school.
C. E. Mohier, of Ohio, principal of Sunnyside school with Miss Rose Bowman in primary department.
Mary Hornsnech, of Oregon City, Clark's school.
Lizzie Blakeney, Mount Scott school.

Sues to Recover.

Last Friday Dan Lyons filed suit in the circuit court against Elizabeth Birch et al for the recovery of \$1100 on a promissory note secured by mortgage. C. D. & D. C. Latourette are attorneys for plaintiff.

Charles Martin filed suit last Thursday against David Pennman, sr., for \$390 alleged to be due him for labor performed. Plaintiff, for cause of action, says that at the special instance and request of defendant he performed work and labor as a farm hand for defendant for a period of 26 months between Feb. 2, 1898, and May 14, 1900, upon the promise that defendant would pay plaintiff for his services what they are reasonably worth, that said services are reasonably worth \$15 per month. Wherefore plaintiff demands judgment against defendant for the sum of \$390, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from May 14, 1900, together with his costs and disbursements herein. George C. Brownell is attorney for plaintiff.

W. F. Hubbard has brought suit against L. E. Salisbury and W. H. Cooke for \$104.80 on a promissory note. Hedges & Griffith are attorneys for plaintiff.

For Sale—Very fine opera piano, slightly used. Will sell cheap. W. L. Block, the Home Furnisher.

City Treasurer's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that there are sufficient funds on hand in the general fund of Oregon City to pay all outstanding warrants endorsed prior to Sept. 1, 1898, also all road warrants endorsed prior to Aug. 7, 1900. Interest ceases with date of this notice.
Aug. 16, 1900.

LINN E. JONES,
City Treasurer.

Large stock of shopping Baskets just received at Golden Rule Bazaar.

County Treasurer's Notice.

I now have funds to pay county warrants endorsed prior to October 11th. Interest will cease on the warrants included in this call on the date of this notice.
Oregon City, August 17, 1900.

A. LUELLING,
Treasurer Clackamas County, Oregon.

WANTED—Solicitors, on commission or salary, to take orders for "Briton and Boer in South Africa," "Great Issues and National Leaders," "Life and Speeches of Bryan, by his wife" "Six Thousand Years of History" and several other new, live books. Write to A. C. SANFORD, box 339, Portland, Or.

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For Young Men and Young Women.

There is nothing that will arouse the ire of a young man or woman so quick as to have inferior laundry work put off on them. They may dress ever so well, but if their shirt front or shirt waist is mussed their neat appearance is spoiled. The Troy laundry makes a specialty of ladies' and gentlemen's fine work. There can be no better work than is done at the Troy. Leave your orders at Johnson's barber shop.

Persons desiring announcements of parties, socials, etc., must send them to this office.

For Sale.

\$450—45 acres timber land, 3 1/2 miles out
\$1500—30 acres, all cleared, bottom land
\$600—160 acres good land
\$480—80 acres partly improved
\$3000—109 acres; fronts on river; boat landing on place; three kinds of soil; large house
\$2800—160 acres; 80 improved; large house and barn
\$1500—212 acres, 35 improved; house and barn; stock ranch
\$800—10 acres near town; well improved
\$1000—2 acres on plank road, close in
64 acres rich timber land cheap.
Several houses and lots on installment.
J. A. THAYER, Box 323.

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At the door from a happy, healthy wife, is something which the husband looks forward to all through the day's labor. He may be tired, but his step lightens and his face brightens as he quickens his pace to receive the smiling welcome of his wife. What a difference in the home-coming of the man whose wife is nervous and gloomy, having neither heart nor strength to be glad. Many such a husband has worked a transformation in his home-life by learning of the cures performed by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures diseases of the delicate organs, builds up the nerves, induces refreshing sleep, and transforms the sickly woman into the happy helpmeet.



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Has turned with disgust from an otherwise lovable girl with an offensive breath. Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the breath by its action on the bowels, etc., as nothing else will. Sold for years on absolute guarantee. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. C. G. Huntley the Druggist.

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