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### LEFT THE POPULISTS OUT.

At a meeting of the members of the Democratic county central committee of Clackamas county held in this city last Saturday, it was practically decided to name a straight Democratic ticket for the coming June election. It is the evident intention of the terrified, unduly flattered by the result of the last congressional election in this county, to entirely ignore their faithful allies, the Populists with whom they have for years been glad to associate and with whose assistance only has it been possible for the minority party to make the showing that has been made. Unaided they propose to enter the political arena next spring and take everything in sight. Their intentions politically are to be admired but their accomplishments do not come up to their expectations. Without the material aid heretofore offered by the Populists, the Democrats can hardly hope to achieve success at the approaching contest. Members of the committee reached the conclusion that only a ticket of Simon-pure Democrats will be named. It will be straight Democracy with the Kentucky brand.

### THINKS FARMING SHOULD BE TAUGHT.

"The tendency of our educational system has been to educate the children away from the work by which a large majority must earn their living. The purpose should be to educate the children along the line of their work—to fit them for the environment in which they will soon find themselves. I do not mean by this that all children should become farmers or that they should be taught that they ought to become farmers, nor that they should be discouraged in an ambition to fit themselves for any other occupation to which their talents may lead them. What I mean to say is that since the greater portion of the people of this country must make their living by farming or other occupations that require a knowledge of the elements of agriculture, the public schools should instruct the children upon this subject. Too often teachers are in almost complete ignorance of practical agriculture, and, I am sorry to say, some of them are not ashamed of their ignorance. I believe that a young man or woman who has worked on a farm or at any other useful manual labor is a better teacher, other things being equal, than one who has not the knowledge that can thus be acquired. This subject could take the place of 'Nature Study,' and, if necessary, we could abbreviate our arithmetic and geography."—J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of schools.

### PRISON OFFICIALS CRITICISED.

Governor Pardee this week made public the report of the prison directors on the Folsom break, accompanying it with a long letter in comment. The governor says that he "most sincerely agrees" that the prison force showed "a total want of capacity and efficiency"; that if the officers and guards had shown the same daring and nerve as the convicts, the latter would never have left the prison grounds alive; that henceforward the guards must fire, whatever the danger of injuring fellow-officers; that "orders given by officials in the hands of convicts are not the orders of officials but are the orders of the convicts themselves." He also "hopes the directors will not put off very long" the work of thoroughly reorganizing Folsom, with the necessity of which they affirm they are impressed. The substitution of the present congregate system for the cellular system is approved by the governor, and it may be inferred from what he says that he will present recommendations along this line to the next legislature. We hope he will do so.—Argonaut.

### UNJUSTLY SUSPECTED.

The other day, a lady, while shopping, accidentally picked up another lady's umbrella from the counter and had the mistake pointed out to her rather frigidly. She returned the umbrella with apologies, and then remembered that she had no umbrella with her at all. But as it had begun to rain, she bought one for herself, as well as one for a birthday present for some one else. With the two umbrellas in her hand, she then boarded a car, and, as luck would have it, sat down opposite the very lady whose umbrella she had inadvertently picked up earlier in the day. The coincidence was too much for the other lady. "I congratulate you on your successful morning," she said sarcastically, as she swept out of the car. Innocence should have asserted itself; but the rightful owner of the two umbrellas found herself so embarrassed that she was speechless. Appearances often make cowards of us all.

### THE WEDDING FOOL.

\* When Mr. and Mrs. Clinton R. Keeler of Syracuse, N. Y., turned from the altar at which they had taken the sacred and solemn vow the other day their loving friends flocked around them to express their delight and present their congratulations, says the Chicago Record-Herald. Suddenly while the bride was being kissed by the gentlemanly ushers and the groom was applying chaste salutes to the lips of the bridesmaids several strong young men pounced upon the happy couple and handcuffed them together. The key was then thrown away, and Mr. and Mrs. Keeler were left to get apart when they happened to have time and could induce somebody with a file to operate. Owing to the fact that they had arranged to leave on a through train shortly after the ceremony they had to go to the railway station locked together, and in that predicament get aboard the car.

Of course the perpetrators of the "joke" considered this great fun, and if the newly married couple exhibited any annoyance they were doubtless set down as poor, ungrateful wretches, who were incapable of appreciating a good thing.

There are many kinds of fools in this world, and they are to be found in every crowd. They run to fires, they gather at dog fights, they rock boats, and they change large bills for strangers, but a careful study of the matter would probably show that fools are found in larger numbers at weddings than anywhere else in the world. There seems to be a general idea abroad, in fact, that one is not doing the proper thing at a wedding unless he is making a fool of himself. There are probably more kinds of foolishness indulged in at weddings than at all other ceremonies combined, and it appears that there is no help. The wedding fool is absolutely incorrigible.

We might suggest that a good dousing in cold water would probably tend to diminish the ardor of the wedding fool, but there would be danger in a general deluge of bringing unnecessary discomfort to innocent people. The world is waiting for some public benefactor to come forward with an effective and available method of putting the wedding fool out of business.

### ANOTHER LIBEL SUIT DEFEATED.

In a recent libel suit against the editor of the Grants Pass Observer, Hon. R. D. Hume received a verdict for \$1 damages. This causes the Albany Democrat to remark that the verdict was not very complimentary to the character of the party bringing the suit. The practice of instituting libel suits against publishers in this state is not receiving very great encouragement. Similar proceedings have recently been defeated by the Portland Oregonian and the Salem Journal.

It would be a strange condition of affairs if the publishers be prohibited by law from making reasonable criticism of the questionable transactions of individuals. The statutes of Oregon defining libel are already more severe than an impartial discussion of facts, in many instances, will permit without involving the publisher in unnecessary and costly litigation.

THE NORTH YAMHILL RECORD has suspended, after seven years of publication. Limited patronage in the small field that the paper served, coupled with failing health of the editor, is the cause of the Record's demise.

SPEAKING about the Jesse James gang of outlaws, we apparently have right here in Oregon at the present time an organized gang of desperadoes that could learn nothing of a criminal nature from the famous James' gang.

Referring to Salem people's resentment at aspersions cast on the city's water by the state board of health, Rev. I. D. Driver endorses the attitude of the Salem people, and adds that if he lived in hell—he'd stand up for his country. That's too patriotic.—Astorian.

It is the opinion of the Albany Democrat that Dowie, who has styled himself Elijah No. 2, differs essentially from the Elijah of biblical times in that Elijah, the original, was never known to travel about in an automobile with a woman lavishly bedecked with diamonds and jewelry.

PETITIONS asking Mayor G. B. Dimick to accept a renomination and serve at the head of the city government for the fourth term, are being vigorously circulated by friends of the Mayor. An opposition candidate has not yet materialized. The deficiency of candidates for councilmen continues to be large.

CITIZENS will do well to secure all portable property in view of the fact that tomorrow is Hollow'een. Mischievous boys will do well to remember that there is a limit to innocent fun to be tolerated in connection with the observance of this event and they should confine their depredations so as not to involve the malicious destruction of property.

MESSRS. BROWNE & LEONARD, of the Silvertonian, have purchased and absorbed from J. E. Hosmer, the Silverton Appeal and have consolidated the two publications under the name The Silvertonian-Appeal. For a number of months these two papers have been engaged in the harmless practice of throwing mud at each other and the elimination of one of the papers from the Silverton field will have the welcome effect of terminating any further controversy. Silverton is a good field and with the enterprise they have shown in the management of the Silvertonian, Messrs. Browne & Leonard are certain to make a success of the combination of properties.

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