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THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CREED.

A pleasant task confronted the men who drew up the platform of 1904 for the Republican party. In telling what the party stands for today they were obliged to recount some of the great things which it did yesterday and the day before, back to a time beyond the recollection of many of the men in the convention. All this furnishes many of the most inspiring chapters of American history. During the half a century of the life of the Republican party it has been the dominant force in American politics, except in the latter part of Pierce's service, through the whole of Buchanan's and through part of Cleveland's. Since 1859, in the middle of Buchanan's term, the Democratic party has not had complete control of the national government, except in 1893-95, in the first half of Cleveland's second term. During all the rest of the time the Republicans have been in the ascendant in part or all of the government, and for most of the time it has been in control of all of it. All the advances which have been scored by the United States between 1854 and 1904 have been due to the intelligence, progressiveness and courage of the Republican party.

The party which put down the rebellion, destroyed slavery, killed the secession heresy, created a more perfect Union than had existed prior to 1861, established the tariff, opened the West to settlers by its free lands law, joined the Pacific Coast to the Mississippi valley by bonds of steel, created the currency system, established the gold standard, started the scheme of national irrigation which will add millions to the West's population, annexed Alaska, drove the Spaniards out of Cuba and off the American continent, created the republic of Cuba, annexed Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines, gave the peoples of all these islands self-government for the first time in their history, incited the creation of the republic of Panama, started the construction of the isthmian canal and nearly tripled the country's population and much more than quadrupled its wealth, has a record, remote and near, which is the best possible platform on which to appeal to the people. On the lines which have been laid down by the action of the Republican party in the past half century, it will conduct the government in the future. In the spirit and with the courage and sanity thus far displayed the Republican party will meet present issues and the new ones which arise.

Protection's basic principle will be maintained in the tariff laws, and no alterations in the schedules will be made except where demanded by the public interest and the changes in those cases must be made by the friends and not the enemies of protection. The gold standard will be defended; trusts will be assailed when hostile to the public interest; the army and navy will be strengthened and improved; the interests of the people of Porto Rico and the Philippines will be protected; the country's debt to the soldiers and sailors will be remembered, steps will be taken to build up the country's ocean marine, and the extension of the country's commerce over the world will be pushed. The states which have abolished the negro as a voter while hanging on to the representation in congress which the negro's presence gives them will find some thing to their interest in one plank of the platform. President Roosevelt's act in calling a halt on Germany, England and Italy in the raid on Venezuela will show what the Republican party stands for in the maintenance of supervision over the Western hemisphere. Secretary Hay's work in getting pledges from Russia to maintain the open door in Manchuria, his commercial treaty with China and his defense of that empire against threatened assaults from without foreshadow the policy which the Republican party will take in the external politics of Asia. The creed which the Republican party has just outlined will have an absorbing interest for all elements of the American people.

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Speaking about summer resorts—what is the matter with Oregon City?

There are other ways of observing Independence Day than by firing giant fire-crackers and drinking pink lemonade.

Considerable fuss has been made over the marriage of a "culla'd gem-en" by a Portland belle. She might possibly have done worse. Beyond the humiliation resulting to the parents of the erstwhile carnival queen, we cannot see that the escapade concerns anybody, and really did not deserve the attention it has received.

Officials in charge of the Oregon City water works are having no end of trouble in regulating the use of aqua for irrigation purposes by the patrons of this municipal enterprise. In view of the vote that was cast in this county last month in favor of local option, an increased consumption, at all hours, of water must be expected.

During the month of June, this year, Clackamas county cashed road warrants aggregating \$4991.66, and there was not a cent of interest paid on a single warrant either. This is something of an improvement over paying interest on a road warrant indebtedness of \$37,000. This change of conditions was accomplished in about a year by the present county officers.

The observance of Independence Day at Oregon City this year was as "sane" a celebration as could be expected and tolerate to even a moderate extent the indulgence by the juvenile population in the use of explosives. There is in force on the city's statute books an ordinance prohibiting the use of Dewey chasers, bombs and others of the more deafening explosives on this occasion and the ordinance was very generally observed. In connection with the agitation that has been started for accomplishing a "sane" Fourth, an exchange suggests that it would be a good idea to eliminate Goddess of Liberty contests.

The plan proposed by the Oregon State Grange to join with the Washington State Grange and secure a complete collection of the resources of the Northwest to be exhibited at the National Grange convention, which will be held at Portland in November, is a good one. Every Granger should strive to make the proposed exhibit both complete and truly representative of the limitless resources of this section. Such an exhibit could not be more appreciated than by the assembly of delegates for whom it is to be prepared. Such a collection of the products of Oregon and Washington would do much to advertise this section of the Northwest.

Another Fourth has come and gone, leaving fresh memories of the event that is annually commemorated, and in the observance of which every patriotic American takes pleasurable pride. There were the usual ceremonies, Independence Day oratory and pyrotechnic displays. Interest in this national anniversary and its proper observance will never diminish. It recalls the memorable struggle that terminated 128 years ago with the reward acquired of independence and the right of self-government. The glory of this victory was supplemented by a similar conquest in 1812, the reuniting of opposing interests in 1865, and was more recently augmented by the glorious achievements of the country's defenders on land and sea in the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection. A corresponding growth has been made along industrial and commercial lines until we are now the grandest nation in the world. There is certainly abundant occasion for celebrating and with more or less demonstration, too.

Would it be not only advisable but an economic move on the part of the Oregon City council to investigate the approximate cost of filling in with dirt the trestles on Main street in the vicinity of Eleventh street and also at Green Point? The Eleventh street trestle is in serious need of immediate repair. Wooden structures of this kind are of but temporary service, in that in a short time they become insecure from constant travel, and must necessarily be replaced or extensively repaired at frequent intervals. With the cost of lumber and all building materials constantly advancing, it seems that it would be an economical move on the part of the council to cause these two places to be filled in. With the dredging outfit that is now making the fill on the O. W. P. & Railway trestle right on the grounds, an arrangement might be made by which such an improvement could be done cheaply. It might be well for the city authorities to confer with the officials of the O. W. P. & Railway Co., who have an equal interest in this street and its improvement, and see if this work cannot be done at this time without unreasonable expense to either corporation.

STRONG POINT OF REPUBLICANISM.

A Democratic paper refers to the death, within a few years, of McKinley, Reed and Hanna, and says "the Republican party has no leaders to take their places." This line of comment shows a defective comprehension of the basis of the Republican party, which is principle, sound and virtue principle; and that, as history teaches, may always be trusted to bring capable leaders to the front. Statesmen pass away, some in the fullness of years, and others at the post of duty, but the vacancies are suitably filled as circumstances may demand. Republicanism is a system of upright, enlightened government, not an organization resting on the personal qualities, however great, of individuals. At its birth the Republican party knew nothing of its ablest leader, but in six years singled him out and made him the War president.

It was the intuition of the American people, acting through the medium of the best party that, in a remarkably short time, discovered Abraham Lincoln and placed the helm of the nation in his hands. No party that is truly great, that represents the high cause of truth and civilized progress, will ever lack leaders. No such gap can exist in the onward march of mankind. But a party that has no issues can have no leaders, except such as war with each other. Effective leadership in a party at least presupposes unity on principles. On that score Republicans are content; but how is it with the opposition?

A STEP FORWARD.

Portland is to have a large packing house, to be erected and operated by the stockmen, who are organized to fight the beef trust with the end in view of getting actual values for their cattle.

This is a move that means much to the producers of the country, and their future will depend greatly upon the success of the independent packing company. If the stock raisers are able, through co-operation, to compete with the beef trust, one of the best organized combines in America, if they can butcher their own stock and place it on the market without paying tribute to the trust, they will have done much toward breaking the influence of trusts in all lines. If success crowns their efforts, they will have demonstrated that the producers, when they get together, are more powerful than the trusts. The success of this independent packing company, owned and controlled by the stockmen, will do more to break the influence of trusts than all the laws that can be passed as they are enforced by those in authority.

Aside from this good result, a large packing establishment in Portland means much to the entire Northwest. It is the creation of an industry that has long been needed. It will furnish a ready market for the meats raised on the coast, and will do away with the shipping of live stock to Chicago or Kansas City to have it butchered and sent back to us as cured meats, by which process the producers and consumers pay freight two ways half way across the continent.—The Dalles Mountaineer.

SUNDAY'S MURDERS.

Yesterday's paper contained an appalling record of murders. There were nine cases of shooting, of which one only was possibly accidental, and in this list there were two instances of murder followed by suicide. There was one report also about a man who was beaten to death.

Several of the crimes were due to family quarrels. One man was killed by his wife within a short time after their marriage. Because of jealousy one man shot his wife and then killed himself, while jealousy prompted another man to kill the woman with whom he was living, after which he committed suicide. A son slew his father in a fist fight which grew out of a dispute about money. Of the three remaining reports one tells of the shooting of a negro woman by some unknown person, another of the shooting of one man by another during an altercation, and the third of the shooting of a young man, which resulted in the arrest of four men and three women on suspicion that they were implicated in the affair.

The states in which the crimes were committed were New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, and all these tragedies occurred last Sunday. None, it will be observed, can be charged against the South, and only one was reported from outside the Union, the location being Cape Breton Island.

Probably the record is very incomplete, since there are more than 9000 homicides annually in this country, but even as it stands it presents a remarkable showing of the persistence of savagery amid the refinements of civilization. These people were all brought up in a society which, generally speaking, is averse to a re-

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sort to physical violence, and they were taught abhorrence of murder from childhood and the fear of punishment which murder brings. A second nature had been imposed upon them which, it would seem, should have proved too strong for any savage impulses, but the restrictions of a lifetime vanished in an instant. It should be noted in this connection that none of the murderers apparently had suffered from the taint of professional criminality.

The problem of prevention under such circumstances seems a hopeless one, but no doubt many of such murders would not occur if so much human ingenuity had not been wasted upon that most convenient instrument of murder and assassination, the revolver. The weapon is not only of little use except for the commission of crime, but is far too widely distributed. Undoubtedly there should be a much stricter supervision than there is over the trade in firearms, and something might be gained if the penalties for carrying concealed weapons were more generally enforced.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Several Oregon counties have sent excellent advertising matter to be placed on display in the state exhibit at St. Louis, and the results they will obtain will be good. Too much cannot be said of the judicious publicity of county resources, for it will do more to secure new people for the state than any other form of advertisement.—World's Fair Correspondence. What has Clackamas county done along this line?

JUSTICE WILL TRIUMPH IN COLORADO.

The people of Colorado are having a very severe trial, but there is no reason to suppose that they will not come through it in a manner worthy of American citizens. For the present, owing to the shocking nature of the crime at Independence, there is a natural resort to extreme measures against the union miners. It is impossible to split hairs in such an emergency, and if it appears that men are coerced and deported without proof of guilt and without being given an opportunity to defend themselves, if membership in a union is held to amount to a conviction, if all union professions of abhorrence for the recent crimes are judged insincere and the ordinary safeguards of civil liberty are disregarded by those in power—all this does not mean the establish-

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ment of a permanent tyranny. It is simply the extraordinary remedy applied to the extraordinary disease, and if it should leave some troublesome complications they will be attended to later.

The thing of supreme importance now is the restoration of order and the suppression of a certain kind of terrorism. Should advantage be taken of the confusion to set up a new kind of terrorism and bend the state to the selfish uses of individuals the reaction will be as inevitable as the present uprising has been. It is simply inconceivable that any American community would tolerate what might amount to a continued prohibition of lawful association or that because the governor of Colorado has been sustained by the supreme court of the state that there is likely to be a sinister recourse to martial law in the future.

For it must not be forgotten that officials are men having but a little brief authority, that permanent power is with the people, and that the people's sense of justice is in the long run a corrective of most glaring public abuses, whatever their source may be. Unless precedents and national character are valueless as guides the people of Colorado will refuse to surrender to violence on the one hand or curruption on the other, and all classes will be compelled to submit to an impartial administration of the law in strict consonance with the principles of civil liberty.

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WERE CHARGED WITH PATRIOTISM.

An Oregon Cityite Describes Remarkable Scene at Omaha.

In a letter written to Oregon City relatives, Montrose St. John gives a splendid description of a patriotic entertainment he recently witnessed at Omaha, Nebraska. The letter follows:
"Last night, by the kindness of Mrs. St. Cye, I was enabled to attend the Innes concert at the Auditorium, and it was a repetition of the 'War and Peace' which made such an excitement the first time given.
"After a prelude of fine music the band and chorus of about 400 voices sang a number of the old war songs, like 'Rally Round the Flag,' 'Battle Cry of Freedom,' and last, 'Just Before the Battle, Mother.' While singing this the Omaha Guards, representing the Union soldiers, in blue, and the Throston Rifles, representing the South, in khaki pants, blue shirts, etc., drew up across the front of the stage. Then, preceded by the regulation life and drum, they marched out of the building to the alley. Buglers stationed at various places in the vast building, sounded the call to arms, and the lights were all extinguished. Then came the roar of cannon, volley after volley of musketry, great blazes of red fire, shouts and bugle calls, lasting several minutes. Then as soon as quiet, the great chorus sang softly, 'There Will Be One Vacant Chair.' Next the sound of the life was heard and 'Johnny Comes Marching Home' was sung, and all at once bursting in at the front of the hall came the old war veterans, followed by the soldiers with their uniforms all awry, heads tied up in handkerchiefs, etc., one battalion down one side of the aisles and the other down the other. It is estimated that there were six thousand people in the building, and they just went crazy over the 'boys.' Such applause, such waving of handkerchiefs and hats! Such shouts one scarcely ever heard. It was such a realistic scene that many women were sobbing—and men, too. The 'boys' ranged up in front of the stage, and it was fully ten minutes before the ovation ceased, and they standing there with 'present arms' like a hundred statues. Then all at once the big band struck up 'America,' and the leader turned to the audience and exhorted them to rise and join, and they responded royally. Just think of it, more people than all Oregon City singing America, with a will, all at once. That was the end."

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