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SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN GAINS.

A concerted attack, through various publications, on the Republican party in Arkansas is one of the first steps in a partisan scheme to blacken the Republican party in the South, and to deny that it has any existence in that section outside of combines for federal patronage.

The vote of Arkansas in 1903 was Taft 56,700, Bryan 87,015. That looks like a vigorous opposition, not merely a federal patronage combine. In 1896 the vote of Arkansas was Bryan 110,103, McKinley 37,512. In 1908 the Republicans of Arkansas cast 37 per cent of the total vote, and in 1896 25 per cent. Between 1896 and 1908 the Republican vote in the state gained 19,248, while the Democratic vote, with the same candidate, fell off 23,088.

ONLY ONE UNION IS INVOLVED.

It is significant that in the wholesale arrests made throughout the country in connection with the dynamite outrages which have been under investigation by the United States government the persons taken into custody have been identified with one union only, the structural ironworkers' union.

This action on the part of the government clears all the other unions of the country of any connection with the series of crimes which climaxed in the awful tragedy at Los Angeles. Nor must the structural ironworkers' union be held accountable as an organization for the destruction of life and property suffered. The organization as such, can not be held to account for crimes perpetrated by a small element of its membership, even though some of its officials be included in the list of offenders.

The course of the government abolishes the American Federation of Labor and its officials of suspicion of complicity in the life-taking, property-destroying crusade of the dynamiters. Organized labor, as a whole, is acquitted of any connection with or knowledge of these heinous assaults upon civilized society.

This outcome is very agreeable and pleasing to those who recognize the fact that organized labor, striving for its betterment with due regard for the rights and privileges of others, is a powerful instrument for good.

At Lawrence, Mass., Mr. Haywood declared that free speech is denied in Massachusetts. Whereupon, to justify his assertion, he proceeded to denounce American institutions of government and call the mill owners "thieves" and "pickpockets."

If all the money in circulation in the United States were equally divided it would give a present per capita of \$34.61. This is not one of the facts that figure in the dreams of socialism.

Some of the Mexican revolutionists call their latest outbreak "a three days' revel." Affairs that cost so much in life and property can not long be classed as frolics.

Clark men and Folk men have ceased to claim everything, and begin to realize that they will know they are in a state-wide fight when they reach Joplin.

The Republicans in the House are now getting a chance to denounce the speaker of that body as a "tyrant." And, of course, he always is, for the minority.

Just to show their love for their distinguished leader, Mr. Bryan, Nebraska Democrats have launched a sturdy Harmon boom in that state.

"What are the three greatest calamities that can befall in a lifetime?" someone asked. The alarm clock is two. Now you supply the third.

A Massachusetts man says the consumer is to blame for the high cost of living. Of course he is. That's what makes him a consumer.

The Chinese republic was born just one day ahead of the 13th, which is another lucky omen.

REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY IS LIGHT

Registration of voters in Clackamas county is not progressing at a rapid pace, and up to Monday morning 1,382 had been reported, though there are several hundred voters registered whose names are now being transferred to the books.

The number of registered voters in this county will probably exceed 5,000 by the time the books are closed for the primary election. Registration by precincts follows:

Abernethy, 55; Barlow, 43; Beaver Creek, 79; Bull Run, 6; Boring, 8; Canyon Creek, 37; Canby, 93; Clackamas, 43; Cheeryville, 17; Canemah, 44; Cascade, 31; Damascus, 25; Dover, 3; Eagle Creek, 56; Estacada, 2; George, 1; Gladstone, 133; Harding, 42; Harmony, 8; Highland, 15; Killin, 10; Macksburg, 12; Molalla, 7; Milwaukie, 7; Marquam, 1; Maple Lane, 48; Milk Creek, 17; Needy, 7; New Era, 38; Oak Grove, 25; Oregon City, No. 1, 52; Oregon City, No. 2, 96; Oregon City, No. 3, 99; Oregon City, No. 4, 62; Oswego, 7; Pleasant Hill, 2; Soda Springs, 1; Springwater, 7; Sunnyside, 6; Tualatin, 39; Union, 9; Viola, 8; West Oregon City, 31; Willamette, 67.

Sues For Tools. Frank L. Welton, through his attorneys, Dimick & Dimick, has filed an action in replevin against Grant E. Barney for the purpose of recovering certain tools, bedding, stoves, cooking utensils, dishes and other household effects, and for the further sum of \$100 damages for the detention of the same, and for his costs of the action.

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CASTO DEFENDS FELS TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

OREGON CITY, R. F. D. No. 3, Feb. 19.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—Have just returned from a short trip to Portland and Oregon City and have observed that one of the foremost topics of discussion is the subject of "Single Tax." In one of these discussions I heard the remark that Harvey Starkweather had, (as printed in your paper a few weeks ago, and which I read with pleasure), one of the best articles against the single tax that has yet been presented. It was this remark that provoked me to write these few lines. Bringing to mind the argument in Mr. Starkweather's article, some of us could not do otherwise than to conclude that the Single Tax principle is wrong because some certain persons have contributed very liberally, with their money, to a fund for the advancement of the Single Tax measure. In Clackamas county and elsewhere, certain other persons have taken, for expenses, (and as has been intimated for salaries) from this fund, for the same purpose; and that one of these persons, who in the past has done so much to bring about the various good reforms we have in Oregon, by reason of his advocacy and exertions for this principle has sold his citizenship for a mess of pottage. We can recall many a great reform which we now have and which was confronted with these same arguments and conditions, and yet there are very few of us who, today, dare deny the justice of those principles. Granting then that all the above is true and that these contributors are millionaires, etc., we want to ask Mr. S. if he honestly believes that it is any argument against the justice of the principle involved in the measure that is to be presented in Clackamas county? My answer is, no.

Mr. S. is a man of sufficient intelligence to know that it requires enormous sums of money to advance the cause of reform measures especially when confronted with so much prejudice, superstition and ignorance as is this most valuable principle. We should endeavor then to argue the case upon its merits and not indulge in assertions and personalities. I rather liked the sentiments of that person who contributed an article a short time before Mr. Starkweather when he said that he is willing to lay aside his prejudice and study the proposition, both pro and con, upon its merits.

Mr. Starkweather said further, that the ownership of land is not necessary for the existence of a human being. That undoubtedly is true but is not the possession or use of the land, either directly or indirectly, (the same as is the use of the sun, the sunshine and the water), absolutely necessary for the existence of the human family? This being true brings land in the same class as the air, sunshine and water, i. e. common property. We have the free and equal use of the air, sunshine and water but are denied that right in the case of the land, which to my mind is the fundamental cause of the unequal distribution of the wealth, resulting in the increase of poverty amidst increasing wealth. It has been proven that the taxation of land values remedies this condition.

We should also study the proposition from a moral as well as a purse standpoint. Translating the Biblical quotation, "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and unto the Lord that which is the Lord's," we have, "Render unto the individual that which is the individual's and unto society that which is society's," or in other words all that which is created by the labor and industry of the individual should be left to the individual, and all that created by society or the community should be left to the community. The former is accomplished by the exemption from taxation of personal property and all improvements in and upon land; the latter by the taxation of land values.

The intangible beneficial results should be considered as well as the tangible. In my study of the class known as the anti-single-taxers it seems to me that they have resolved themselves into two factions, one faction is composed of those people in moderate circumstances who seem to think and claim that the people who have nothing want the single tax so that the latter can obtain that which the former now possesses. The other faction is composed of the same kind of people who seem to think and claim that the manufacturers, corporations, monopolies, etc., want the single tax so that they can still better depress and rob them.

The gentleman of whom I formerly spoke as contributing before Mr. Starkweather, said that he would like to read the reasons of the people why they are for or against the single tax, hoping thereby to be able to get some points upon the measure. That he might possibly get some point from my writing I am going to state why I am for single tax. I believe that the single tax is a just and equal system of taxation; it is beyond a doubt a fact that our present system of taxation is unjust and unequal. This fact is in evidence on all sides; in evidence by word of mouth from those who are poor; also by word of mouth from those in moderate circumstances; again in evidence by injunctions and other court proceedings from the corporation manufacturers, monopolies, millionaires, etc., and while this may not be an argument for the justice of the single tax why not have the single tax partially, if not in whole? Another reason, that in all instances in which the single tax has been substituted not one can be shown where the system has been abandoned. It lifts a burden from labor and encourages industry; it lessens the temptation to commit perjury, and last but not least it is less expensive in obtaining, and provides a sufficient revenue for all purposes without the levying of special taxes.

Very truly, S. L. CASTO.

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CANAL TO INSURE REDUCTION IN RATES

One more step has been taken with reference to the Willamette locks project, says the Portland Journal. The government has accepted the offer of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and will buy the present locks at \$275,000. Major McIndoe expects authority from Washington at any time to close the deal. The completion of the purchase will be followed by the abolishment of the toll of fifty cents per ton on freight passing up and down the river. It will also have for a sequel, the repair and improvement of the locks for making them more efficient. In that behalf, \$300,000 will be expended, and for its fruit we shall have a system of locks with a capacity to accommodate the traffic for a long period of years.

The step is one of great consequence to the Willamette region. Freight is carried by steamer on the great lakes from the Superior region to Pittsburgh more than 800 miles, at eight cents per ton. It is an example of what is possible under water transportation, which is a transportation so fundamentally cheap that no railroad can compete with it. If Willamette Valley shippers will now press the advantage they have gained they can almost work a revolution in freight charges. A revolution in freight charges would mean a lowered cost for every article consumed and a higher price for every product sold.

The boats now running on the Willamette meet eliminating the fifty cents toll that the lockage fee has always added to the rates. Freight has always been \$2.00 a ton must be reduced to \$1.50, and freights that were \$1.50 must be cut to \$1. If they fail to do so it will be proof of an alliance between the boats and the railroads in which even the Willamette shippers can easily secure independent steamers to carry the traffic at other than monopoly rates.

ONLY MEN 'FLUKE' AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Fifteen students at the University of Oregon did not pass in nine hours of their work, and according to the faculty rule can not re-enter the University during the next semester. Of the fifteen who "flunked," all were men. Besides those who must leave college, there was a good per cent of the students who did not pass in fifteen hours of work, and will be forced either to attend a session of summer school, or not be graduated with their class. One hundred and twenty credits are required for graduation at Oregon. This means that a student must earn an average of fifteen credits each semester. As sixteen hours of work is all that the average student is allowed to carry at one time, a "flunk" in one five-hour subject during a four year course will prevent graduation.

JERSEY JUDGE NAMED FOR SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The nomination of Chancellor Mahlon Pitney, of New Jersey, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Harlan was sent to the Senate today by President Taft. In executive session the Senate, without discussion, referred Chancellor Pitney's nomination to the committee on judiciary, which probably will make a report next Monday. The President also nominated Julius M. Mayer, of New York City, to be Judge of the United States District Court for Southern New York, and Ferdinand A. Geiger, of Cassville, Wis., to be District Judge, eastern district of Wisconsin.

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CONGRESS ALONE MAY CHANGE LAWS

All Chance For Attack on Initiative And Referendum is Set Aside by Supreme Court Ruling.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The initiative and referendum provisions in Missouri, California, Arkansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Utah, Montana, Maine and Arizona hung in the balance, as well as the law in Oregon, in the case which Judge White decided yesterday. An adverse decision would have affected the proposed legislation of that character in many other states.

Judge White went fully into the merits of the case, his opinion being of considerable length and covering every phase of the controversy. Additional angles are got on the case today by consideration of the opinion in all its breadth.

In opening his opinion, Justice White said: "While the controversy which the record presents is of much importance, it is not novel. It is important since it calls upon us to decide whether it is duty of the court or the province of Congress to determine when a state has ceased to be republican in form and to enforce guarantee of constitution on that subject. It is not novel as that question has long since been determined by this court conformably to the practice of government from beginning, to the political in character and therefore not cognizable by judicial power but solely committed by constitution to judgment of Congress.

"We do not content ourselves with mere citation of cases but state more at length than we otherwise would the issues and doctrine expounded in the leading and absolutely controlling case of Luther vs. Borden. "If the question of what was a rightful government within the intent of Section 4, Article 4, was judicial one, the duty to afford protection from invasion and to suppress domestic violence would be also judicial since those duties were inseparably related to determination of whether there was rightful government.

"Fundamental doctrines thus so lucidly and cogently announced by the court through Chief Justice Taney have never been doubted or questioned since and have afforded, light guiding the orderly development of our constitutional system from the day of the deliverance of that decision up to the present time."

PEOPLE TO VOTE ON UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Election will be held in March in the four school districts, Milwaukie, Harmony, Willitsburg and Wichita, to decide whether a union high school shall be established at Milwaukie. Petitions for this election are being circulated in these four districts, and Mrs. Maggie Johnson, clerk of Milwaukie district, said Friday that sentiment is favorable for the union high school. If the vote is in favor, said the clerk, Milwaukie will provide the building for the first year and in the meantime the union district can secure a site and erect a union high school building. According to the statistics the taxable property of the four districts amounts to \$2,000,000, and one-third is in Milwaukie district. Milwaukie is named as the location for the union high school because it is central and accessible from the three outside districts. At present a high school is maintained in connection with Milwaukie school. High school pupils from the outside districts are sent to Milwaukie, Oregon City and Portland.

4 INDICTED ON CHARGE OF STEALING SILVER

D. W. Holbrook, H. L. Johnson, Mrs. Mary Johnson and Thelma Payne were indicted Friday on a charge of stealing silverware from Mrs. L. Naylor. Holbrook and Thelma Payne were arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Tom Maloney and George Henry were indicted on a charge of stealing \$2 from Frank Soldat. Perry Mosler and N. S. Lindsey, of Oswego, were indicted for violating the prohibition law.

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PROHIBITION GAINING SAYSEUGENE W. CHAFIN

Eugene W. Chafin, candidate of the Prohibition party for president in 1908, addressed a mass meeting of Prohibitionists of Clackamas county at Shively's opera house Thursday. Mr. Chafin declared that the movement was gaining ground in all parts of the union. State Secretary Taylor also delivered an address.

B. Lee Padgett called the meeting to order. He said the society in this county had made much headway in the past year and that the party was gaining adherents daily. State Secretary Taylor explained in detail the nature of the work and the necessity and method of organization in order to do effective work. The following were appointed a committee on permanent organization: Clarke, Parker and Burdette. A committee composed of Clarke, Burdette and Buck was appointed to select the delegates to the state convention.

Dr. T. H. Ford led in prayer at the afternoon session and Rev. Mulkey introduced Mr. Chafin who delivered a very interesting address in which the arguments favoring party prohibition were presented in a very entertaining manner.

RICHARD WALSH HAS BIG FISH CANNERY

Richard Walsh, formerly of this city, was in Oregon City on business Friday on his way to Mount Angel in company with his wife, where they are to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Michels. Mr. Walsh and wife arrived Tuesday from Ketchikan, Alaska, where they have been for the past eight months, and they will return there next week. Mr. Walsh is president of a fish canning company, which is erecting a large plant. Mr. Walsh's brother-in-law is secretary-treasurer, and his brother, Michael Walsh, is vice-president. The plant has a capacity of 20,000 cans of fish daily. At present there is a big demand for Alaska canned fish, and already orders have been given the company by firms in Portland and Seattle. Mr. Walsh and wife came on the steamer Princess and will leave on the steamer Curaco. The company has purchased twenty acres of land in Alaska. Before returning to Ketchikan Mr. and Mrs. Walsh will visit the former's brothers Jack and Owen, at Milwaukie and sister Rose, teacher in St. Mary's Academy in Portland.

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