

HOT ON BRYAN'S TRAIL

H. W. HOWARD ROASTS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Foreboding and Stirring Speech by Eloquent Populist Orator at the Metropolitan Theater.

"Democracy in the West is a vague reaching-out for something in the nature of a reform, Democracy in the East is an organized appetite for office, and Democracy in the South is a thing opposed to anything, something that never learns and never forgets; it is Bourbonism."

Such was the arraignment of Democracy by ex-Congressman Clifford W. Howard, at the Metropolitan theater last night. But this was not all. Democracy had more charges laid to its door than Fusion orators in Oregon will answer for years.

The brilliant Populist orator said that his party could fuse, and that being the case, cowardly effort for office, he would not consider it. He comes from the South, and he knows the ways and means for everything that is against progress, and constitutes a worse imperialism than its great champion, William J. Bryan, ever dreamed of.

After enumerating Democratic incongruities and placing on their account the ballot stuffing of the South where one negro county was made to offset five or six white counties, the speaker said with great force:

"You Democrats out here curse us because we oppose fusion with that party, and because we oppose fusion, say we are paid by the Republicans and we would never say that again. We have fought that party too long for you to say that, and we have fought too hard for you to make that charge. I believe that there are only Mr. Osborne and myself here in the interest of straight Populism."

"Cyclone" Davis, Jim Weaver and two other prominent Fusionists in the State in the interest of the Democrats. According to the same logic there must be at least two Mark Hannans in the Democratic party, as four of their speakers are supporting Democracy.

Mr. Howard makes an exhaustive and absorbing address, in which he holds that there is not a single basis for fusion between Democrats and Populists. He quotes figures of Populist majorities in Nebraska, Colorado and the vote in California and Oregon in 1892 and 1894, before fusion began.

Mr. Howard holds that the combined vote of both Democrats and Populists after that, with the result of placing Nebraska in the Republican ranks, making Colorado this year a doubtful state, and the result of the Populist victory was reckoned most radically anti-Republican and lowering sadly the great Populist vote in California and Oregon.

Mr. Howard holds that the result being a near accomplishment of a true Populism in the triumph of one than the other. An ingenious argument is made on the money question. The double standard, he says, is not redeemable only in the sweat of labor.

the rightfulness of the methods employed. J. B. Osborne, of Georgia, accompanied Mr. Howard, and delivered the opening address last evening. Both the speakers cover the general ground of argument.

NOT A PITFALL OF CRANKERY

A Woman Who Objects to Such Classification of Equal Suffrage.

PORTLAND, May 25.—(To the Editor.)—In the issue of Monday, May 21, you say: "When Populists raised over the land, Oregon escaped it. When wild-eyed Prohibition orators had their will in Iowa and Kansas, Oregon remained sober."

There is and can be no comparison between the questions which you are pleased to call "pitfalls of crankery" and the great question of "equal suffrage," which simply means equal rights before the law.

It is a question that should be treated with reason and sincerity, and no one should attempt to cast it aside by slurs and innuendoes. There is a very low estimate upon the members of the Legislature when you suppose them capable of voting to put the state to the trouble and expense of a referendum upon the subject of the Constitution, and then themselves voting against it.

There is no more fatal concession than that which allows the portion of a community to settle the appropriate amount of its own resources, to define for itself under the common limitations of the public mind.

ALASKA'S ONLY RAILROAD.

Traffic Manager Irwin Says Its Business is Lively.

S. M. Irwin, of Skagway, general traffic manager of the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, spent yesterday in Portland. He says that there is now more business in the State than ever before, and that steamers are coming into Skagway overcrowded with passengers bound for Dawson.

NORTHERN PACIFIC-BURLINGTON ROUTE.

When figuring on your trip East, don't forget that the Northern Pacific, in connection with the Burlington line, operates through cars from Portland to Lincoln, Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City and St. Louis daily, leaving Portland at 11:30 P. M.

IN THE SEVERAL COURTS

ONE DENTIST SUES ANOTHER FOR DAMAGES.

Charges Breach of Contract—Complicated Case in Judge Fraser's Court—Court Notes.

Benjamin H. Fisher has filed suit in the State Circuit Court against E. E. Wright for a partnership dissolution, \$6000 damages for alleged breach of co-partnership and for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the business.

ONE SCHOOL HAS A PICTURE.

The eighth grade of the Park School has already earned the Fine Battle Scene Premium Picture by selling twenty Souvenir Buttons. Every schoolroom in the state ought to follow its example.

Sell Twenty Buttons at Twenty-Five Cents Each and Get the Premium.

Failed to introduce plaintiff to patients and prevented him from properly filling pills, etc., and has ignored his rights.

Fisher complains that he has been generally ignored, especially during the last 60 days; that Wright would not allow him to see the premises and the office, and finally, on May 23, locked him out of the office, and has taken possession of all of the books and accounts.

TO SET ASIDE A MORTGAGE.

Complicated litigation in Judge Fraser's Court.

Sues Saw Mill for Damages.

Severn Rasmussen yesterday instituted an action against Inman, Poulsen & Co. in the State Circuit Court, to recover \$10,000 damages on account of injuries sustained by a person of a permanent character, while at work on a saw mill, November 24, 1899.

Action Against Insurance Order.

Cells MacPherson has filed an Order of Penalties in California, beneficial society, in the State Circuit Court, to recover \$12 alleged due for drumming up members for the concern. She says in her complaint that she is the wife of a deceased man, P. A. MacPherson, entered into an agreement with the defendant to sell slot liquor members, to receive as part compensation the first payment of fees and dues to the supreme council, and admission fees, and certain other payments.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

Moses S. Jacobs, of Portland, tradesman, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States Court. His liabilities amount to \$673.76 and his assets to \$100.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS

STATE UNION IN ANNUAL CONVENTION AT ALBANY.

List of the Delegates Enrolled—Two Addresses Delivered Last Night—General Albany News.

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EASTERN MULTNOMAH.

Republican Rally at Troutdale—Other Items of Interest.

Good Price for Land.

W. E. Bramhall has just sold his 20-acre farm on the Base Line road to Mr. Stone. The horse was kept in an adjoining pasture. The evidence disclosed that the pasture was not securely fenced, and, for this reason, the court decided the defendant is not liable.

Placer Near Glenn's Ferry.

Big Ditch Under Construction to Furnish Water.

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ON THE UMATILLA RESERVE

A New Chief and a Fourth of July Celebration.

Peo Indian Reservation. "Young Chief" no good. "Paw Showaway" heap good. Chief of the Cayuses now, said Peo today. This indicates the instructed man that some important political changes have taken place on the Umatilla Indian reservation.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, May 25.—P. M.—Maximum temperature, 59. Minimum temperature, 49. River reading at 11 A. M., 16.0 feet; change in the last 24 hours, 0.2 feet. Precipitation, 0.0 inch. Wind, S. by E., 8 P. M., 0.72 inch; total precipitation from Sept. 1, 1899, 35.32 inches; normal precipitation from Sept. 1, 1899, 43.47 inches; deficiency, 7.85 inches; total accumulation, 54.24 inches; possible sunshine May 24, 15.18.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A storm of considerable energy is central over Vancouver Island. It has caused heavy rain in Oregon and Washington west of the Cascade Mountains, and in Northern California near the coast. Cloudiness has also extended east of the mountains, and the weather is threatening in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecast for Saturday, May 26, 25 hours ending at midnight Saturday, May 26: Western Oregon and Western Washington—Showers; westerly winds.

MEETING NOTICES.

A. & A. S. RITE.—Members are requested to meet in their hall at 10:30 this morning, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother J. F. Steffen, 325 1/2 Ave., at his late residence. By order, VEN. MASTER.

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