

WANTED--AN ISSUE

Silver's Dead; So What Will Democracy Do?

PUZZLE FOR PLATFORM-MAKERS

Two Years Ago They Were for Filippine Independence--But Is It Prudent for Them to Say So Now?

What sort of planks will be used in the construction of a Democratic platform, is a problem of supreme importance to the minority party of this state.

The Republican platform favors the initiative and referendum of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

The Republican platform affirms the principle of protection "in necessary cases of industries still in their infancy or unable to compete with foreign products."

The Republicans declared that the sovereignty of the United States should be maintained in the Philippines, under such local self-government as the people may desire.

The Democrats cannot be citizens without endorsing our civilization; they cannot be subjects without endorsing our form of government.

There is little probability that the convention to be held Thursday will declare in favor of giving up the islands, for Oregon Democrats.

The Democratic platform of two years ago condemned government by injunction, favored an income tax, and demanded government ownership of the telegraph.

Speaking in a more general way, they demanded that the next Legislature should affirm the Chicago platform and the money planks of the Democratic, People's Party and Silver Republican party of 1892.

The Democratic State Convention will meet in the Catholic Foresters' Hall, in the Hibernal building, at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

George E. Chamberlain, who has been secretary of State and State Treasurer, for which State Senator J. W. Morrow and Frank Durbin seem to have the inside track.

Sam White, of Baker City, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, is very busy nowadays at his headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce building.

BONDING COMPANY SUED

TREASURER WAITE, OF EAGLES, WAS \$2000 SHORT IN ACCOUNTS.

FOR PYTHIAN CASTLE HALL

Committee Appointed to Arrange for Incorporation.

A mass meeting of the Knights of Pythias of Portland was held last night to discuss the project of building a Pythian Castle hall.

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So Declared President Lamont, of Aerie No. 4, in Complaint in Circuit Court.

John Lamont, worthy president of Portland Aerie No. 4, Fraternal Order of Eagles, has commenced suit in the United States Court against the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland to recover \$263 25 on a bond.

Defendant had furnished a bond for Charles S. Waite, treasurer of Aerie No. 4, whereby it agreed to reimburse the plaintiff to the extent of \$500 for such pecuniary loss as plaintiff might sustain by any act of larceny or embezzlement upon any part of the treasurer while in performance

of the duties of his office. It is charged that between July, 1901, and October, 1901, there came into possession of Mr. Waite money and warrants amounting to \$263 25, which he converted to his own use, and which were not delivered up to Lamont according to the nature of his trust.

In December, 1901, when plaintiff was made aware of the fact Waite had converted the money and warrants to his own use, he immediately gave defendant notice; but defendant, he says, refuses to make good the shortage of Waite, and denies that it is liable for the amount of stock he would buy.

It was finally agreed that an incorporation of the Knights of Pythias at \$10 each, and members be asked to buy stock.

A motion by E. D. Curtis was carried that the chairman, J. J. Murphy, appoint an incorporation committee of 15 members to be chosen from the various lodges, and of which he should act as chairman, the committee to make necessary arrangements for an incorporation.

On motion of Judge Calkins, it was decided: "That an investigating committee, consisting of two members from each lodge, be appointed, the names of records and seals of each lodge turn over to the committee a list of its members, and that the committee then proceed to take pledges from each member as to the amount of stock he would buy."

It was further suggested that the committee on incorporation postpone its action pending the report of the investigating committee.

EVANS TO THE ORIENT. Will Succeed Rear-Admiral Rogers on Asiatic Station.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.--Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans has arrived here from Washington and will leave on Tuesday for the Orient to become senior squadron commander of the Asiatic Squadron.

The Rear-Admiral declined to discuss affairs in the Orient, contenting himself with saying that he would deal with emergencies as they arose.

PERSONAL MENTION. Barney May, the well-known merchant of Harrisburg, is at the Perkins.

Samuel Elmore, a prominent salmon packer and capitalist, of Astoria, is at the Portland.

Mr. D. Edward O'Brien, president of the Successful American, of New York, is in Portland, in the interest of his magazine.

G. W. Baker and wife, of San Francisco, are guests at the Portland. Mr. Baker is one of the prominent lawyers of California.

Charles M. Kahn, who has been visiting with relatives in this city for the past two weeks, will return to his home in Boise City this morning.

Henry Blackman formerly Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Oregon, is registered at the Perkins.

Edward S. Elliot, the venerable passenger engineer of the Southern Pacific, who has been absent from his run for nearly three months, on account of serious trouble with his eyes, expects to report for duty shortly.

DRYDOCK CONTRACTORS IN NO HURRY TO TAKE UP WORK.

Port of Portland Wants Them to Sign or Give Up--Various Reasons for Delay.

Tiring of the delay of Faber, Du Faur & Donnelly in the execution of their bond, the Port of Portland Commissioners sent a telegram to the New York drydock engineers as follows:

"If you cannot execute the bond and contract, kindly cancel and return. Wire answers.

The cause that led up to the dispatch was a letter which was received from the engineers. It stated that neither they nor Lang, the president of the dock, saw anything objectionable in the general terms of the contract, but they had to be guided by their attorneys and the bonding companies in regard to the legal features.

The letters were discussed very briefly. All the Commissioners appeared to be weary of the engineers' delays, and it required but a few minutes to compose and forward the telegram. The matter will be taken up again at a meeting to be held Thursday afternoon.

AT THE HOTELS. THE PORTLAND. H. C. Ewing, Seattle, W. W. Nellis, San Francisco.

THE PERKINS. L. Blackman, Heppner, S. J. Kett, Aberdeen.

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W. J. BRYAN'S BARN AT FAIRVIEW, NEB., IN WHICH HE IS NOW LIVING TILL HIS NEW HOME IS COMPLETED.

count of a land transaction, was dismissed by Judge Fraser yesterday, on motion of plaintiff's attorney, S. R. Harrington.

Carrie Adresen and J. P. W. Adresen yesterday filed a petition in the County Court asking that Thad W. Vreeland be appointed administrator of the estate of Margaret Fischer McLeod, deceased.

Walter J. Holman; Nomah Lodge; George W. Weatherly; Calanta Lodge; George Lewis; and Phalanx Lodge--E. A. Stewart.

Building Permits. John Moore, two-story dwelling, Northwick street, between Monroe and Park; \$1400.

Marriage Licenses. Philip Meyer, 46; Rosa Buegt, 20. Harry C. Dultman, 29; Mabel F. Gray, 27.

Birth Returns. April 1, boy to the wife of C. W. Cardwell, 434 Coolidge street.

Death Returns. April 6, Pietro Bonacoi, 35 years, St. Vincent's Hospital; street-car accident.

Can Find No Other Property. May Anderson, administratrix of the estate of Hugh Jamieson, deceased, filed a report in the County Court yesterday.

Damage Suit Decided for Defendant. Judge George yesterday rendered a decision in favor of the defendant in the suit of V. A. Billon against Silas Bennett for damages.

Soapworks Property Redeemed. The Irving Soapworks property, sold by the Sheriff on execution about a week ago to Dan J. Malarkey for \$500, to satisfy a judgment in the damage suit of Henry Westerman vs. Robert M. Irving, was yesterday redeemed by Robert Irving.

Sale Set Aside. A. L. Stone yesterday filed a petition in the County Court offering \$1500 for lots at Fairview recently sold by the executor of the estate of Hannah M. Smith to B. M. Lombard for \$1100.

Court Notes. Further testimony in the divorce suit of Mabel Carr against Robert Carr will be heard by Judge Sears Wednesday.

Articles of Incorporation of the Nebalium Logging Company were filed in the County Court yesterday by John W. Padlock, Emil Geiser and P. L. Willis.

Abstracts and title insurance by the Pacific Coast Abstract & Trust Co., 24-5-7-7 Fulton building.

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