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THE CLASS QUESTION.

The man who follows a party name when that party has discarded principles which are founded upon equality to all, is not, and cannot be, a good citizen. The man in the average walks of life; the man who follows the plow for his living and the support of his family; who follows a party which advocates that which makes money dearer each year as measured in property, and property cheaper each year as measured in money, is simply bringing upon himself conditions which each year will be harder to overthrow. As much as our gold "monies" as to the contrary, there are two classes of people in our national and commercial life—in the social and business life of the world. While it is quite true that there is constant merging from one class to the other, this fact does not at all impair the truth of the statement that two classes are the opposing forces of our world's social and business fabric. We have "those who are," (as Brother Tongue used to say before he became allied with the gold standard element in politics) surrounded by huge blocks of interest bearing obligations who are interested in making money dear and everything else cheap. There is the one class, which has bonded and large money holdings; and the other class which has the "everything else" Mr. Tongue was wont to talk about, and which classes are divided and each antagonistic to that which is best for the other class. Before one should judge as to which is really entitled to the master hand in governing, he should fully understand his ground and then take his position. The farming element supports all trade; all commerce; all community growth; pays the profit of the merchant and tradesman; furnishes the field for the laborer in the manufactory; pays all the taxes; and is at once the best of burden of all society, although he knows it not. The majority of laborers generally vote with the big vested interests and against the farmer and oftentimes the farmer votes with him, against his own best interest.

The old soldier is certainly entitled to financial aid from the government in his old age, whether he be crippled or not, if he be in straitened circumstances. Of course, there are many fraudulent pensions issued, but this is a matter of adjustment and not a burden on the worthy. The pension policy cannot prevail if the present pension expense is continued—that is all there is about it—unless there are to be more bonds issued and the nation confronted with an increase of bonded debt. While the goldite organs would like to see more bonds, which would make a greater field for their clients' investments, they have the intuition to know that the people will not suffer a system which means continual growth of debt. So they are making a fight on pensions and pensioners after having last fall carried favor with the old veterans.

THE ENFANT TERRIBLE.

The same law that would impose a fine on saloon men for selling liquors to minors should impose a severe penalty on minors who buy liquors from saloon men without presenting written orders from parents or guardians. When a young man is too old to wear knickerbockers and too young to sport a beard, he is a dangerous element to society. He may rape and pillage and his age secures him immunity before a jury. He may get as drunk as a loon on whiskey and then send over the road the man who furnishes the "red eye." This is nonsense and contains an element of injustice which cannot be overlooked. When young blades are old enough to be beyond parental control the law should consider them, from a moral standpoint, as standing on their own responsibility. When a boy over fourteen commits a rape give him punishment as though he were forty. When he buys whiskey and gets drunk give him six months

a standing commission, royal teasers, as it were, to ascertain what the "Home Office" is willing that the colonies do on these matters? Should we not follow precedent? Canada has her eye on us and may report her sister province to the crown. It will be time enough for to act independently in legislation when we have secured absolute autonomy.

LOAVES AND FISHES

The great hue and cry about the repeal of civil service, is not, after all, so ridiculous as it might appear to the average politician. It will not do to create an aristocracy of office unless we have them, in effect. Our supreme court is an example of how these things get out of touch with the common people and we cannot be too careful.

So it would be if civil service ever gets its hold in its full intendedness. Absolute civil service will create a brood of perpetual office holders, who will have nothing in common with the people who are to pay them. They will be interested only in keeping up their salaries and working to put more value in their dollars received.

The republican party is in control of the national government, so per se, the vote was for republican rule. Let the organization have the fullest possible control of the nation. Let them abolish the civil service entirely and no patriot will complain. No good republican should want for a loaf or a fish for did not his vote "save the country in its hour of peril"? Of course, we shall hear some whining about the impairing of efficiency, should our civil service laws be repealed, but the nation has lost millions by bad legislation where it has lost but dollars by poor subordinate service. It is good, equitable law we want, law which works no hardship on the people which are the strength of the nation. When the country is syphilitic, it is not in a mood to be despondent over a case of office itch.

PENSIONERS AND PENSIONS.

It is a noted fact that the greatest opposition to the present pension policy of the nation comes from the gold standard papers of national prominence. The peculiar part of this is, these same papers were, during the last campaign, profuse in their editorial regard for the old soldier.

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in the county jail. This would be one way of making irresponsible youths quite responsible and be the means, at least, of putting the irresponsible ones out of harm's way.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

The legal taking of human life for crimes against society and state is at the best, from any standpoint, very questionable. If it be at all wrong then two wrongs have been committed while the first life has not been recalled. If sociologically correct, the first life taken is still where it was under the first deduction. Again, it seems inconsistent with that theology which is holding that the father of all balances our earthly account. To the people who believe thus, capital punishment by society must seem like usurping the preserves of the Infinite, or lack of faith in Infinite judgment. But, if capital punishment is to prevail, let it cover rape and arson, and be consistent. Solitary confinement where no ray of light intrudes, would seem the better, and at the same time, the severer punishment of the two.

Mr. Dingley's little tariff bill is in disgrace as a revenue producer, and the administration is soon to be forced to bond or cut down the pensions. As the old soldier is always appealed to at election time to vote that he may get honest money for his pension voucher, it might be possible that he would donate half his receipts to further the cause of Comrade McKinley.

Hon. Nelson Dingley will come to Portland next summer and while here he will doubtless explain the benefits which must accrue from a policy which in no way assists for a better price for wheat, our great product, yet makes our farmers pay more for his manufacturing purchases from the east.

POSTAL SAVINGS.

The president's message contained no mention of the postal savings bank system which is being advocated by many of his party who are in blind ignorance of the fact that the national bankers have something to say about what shall, or what shall not be, law. Influential republicans all over the east have lent their support to the measure and it was expected that the president would at least mention it as one of the things for consideration of congress. As to the merits of the proposed system—they go for nothing—it is highly improbable that it would be so very beneficial to the laborers, for if they can get a dollar they can save it if they desire. But it would be many a dollar that would be saved by the banks. This is the chief reason the banks oppose and probably accounts for the president's absence of mind.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The grand jury report says it thinks the \$4,700 used in building the county jail was well spent. Perhaps, but if the law had been complied with and competition invited the grand jury might have reported as well spent a much lesser amount.

GRAND JURY REPORT

What They Have to Say Touching on County Affairs. To the Honorable Thos. A. McBride, Judge of the Circuit Court: We, the undersigned, your grand jury, would respectfully submit this, our final report for the Nov. term, 1897, of the above entitled court.

We would respectfully represent that we have carefully investigated all charges of crime presented to us and have returned into court twelve true bills and one not true bill, besides a large number of cases upon which we did not deem it advisable to report.

We have visited the county poor house and found fourteen inmates. We find the one in charge keeping things in as good order as one could under the circumstances. We would suggest that a sitting room be built for the use of the inmates. We call the attention of the County Board to the sanitary conditions at the poor house, well, drains, etc. There are two barns on said farm which are greatly in need of repair. The fences on said farm are a source of contention between the tenant on said farm and those on adjoining farms. The fences should be repaired immediately. A new county jail has been built since the sitting of the last grand jury. Said jail is up to the times in every respect, both in safekeeping of prisoners and in sanitary conditions. The jail cost about \$4,700 and we consider the money thus spent a good investment. We call attention to the bathtub in the county jail



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which should be placed in the corridor of the jail.

We recommend that the boarding of prisoners in Washington county should be let by contract by the county court to the lowest responsible bidder as the law allows the county court of Multnomah.

We called to our aid J. D. Meryman and E. C. Schulmerich to expert the books of the various county officers of Washington county and their report upon the condition of said offices is herewith submitted and made a part of this report.

Our labors being ended we respectfully ask that we be discharged for the term. Wm. McQuillan, Foreman; Charles L. Crocker, Louis Wilcox, T. W. Sain, L. Shrogers, Andrew Pierson and W. L. Batchelder. Dated at Hillsboro this 14th day of October, 1897.

The experts report the books of the various officers as well kept and in order.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE.

Order made granting administrator privilege to advertise sale of realty of Henry Schroeder estate at public sale for cash in hand.

L. L. Williams estate has been closed of record.

Final account of Joseph Connel estate has been set for January 24.

LAW.

Licenses—Irwin Hoffman and Annie Neep, both of Cornelius.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Novak vs Pickett, suit for payment of labor performed for labor exchange; trial set for Dec. 17th. State vs John H. Baker vs Vohs; decree of foreclosure.

Huff vs G. W. Marsh, adm.; decree as prayed for. Bank vs Sherman; decree in favor of creditors and execution ordered to satisfy the same. All jurors were yesterday discharged for the term excepting J. F. Carstens and P. Baughman. Last two excused until Friday forenoon.

Real Estate Transactions.

C. T. Hall and wife to O. C. R. R. Co. right of way along track, \$100. H. A. Kaasbub the same to same, \$25. G. D. Coats and wife to H. G. Coats 6.58 a sec 1 1/2 x 1/2 w. 1/2. Wm Carter to C. L. Large n w 1/4 s e 1/4 n e 1/4 s w 1/4 and s e 1/4 n w 1/4 sec 19 t 8 s 7 n 5 w. 1/2. Urban A. Lewis to Elizabeth Cadwell 1/2 int n w 1/4 n w 1/4 sec 7 t 1 s 1 w. 81. Wm S. Phelps to Wm Boncuse lot 13 and 14 blk 6 of town ad to Hbo, \$1000. Jas G. McElroy to Adelaide McElroy 48 47 a Joshua Hall d 1 c. 82 0. B. Granlie to C. Byers 1/2 int 35 a sec 24 t 2 s 2 w 58-1. John Armstrong to Jennie Armstrong 1.75 a E Walker d 1 c. 45. Caroline G. Wagner and hd to Celestia Kemp 28.85 a Wm Gibson d 1 c. \$800. A. A. Morris to W. G. Perkins s 1/2 n w 1/4 and e 1/4 s 1/2 w 1/2 sec 24 t 3 n 5 w. 1/2. Jabez Wilkes and wife to Conrad Schulmerich 150 a near Greenville, \$4000. P. M. Jackson and wife to Wm Sedlak 32 a John Campbell et al to J. Her 5 a sec 32 t 2 s 1 w. 1/2. Agnes Wirtz to Sarah Schofield part lot 4 blk 23 Forest Grove, \$1000.

Bank Clearings.

The week ending last night was the banner in heavy clearings at the Shute & Foote Bank. Several large hop sales and the usual amount of wheat checks, besides some purchases of realty, helped to swell the total to nearly \$50,000. The total clearings were \$48,766 66. This is probably one of the best weeks in the year.

Dead Letter.

The following is the list of letters remaining in the Hillsboro post office unclaimed: Mr. J. Bouch. Mrs. Jennie E. Bagley. All letters not called for by Dec. 25, 1897, will be sent to the dead letter office. One cent will be charged on each letter called for.

H. SCHULMERICH, P. M.

Remember the B. L. and O. festival at the Grange Hall, December 22nd.

The Delta "ban new coon" has a word to say to you.

Don't forget the festival at the Grange Hall, Wednesday evening. Fresh oysters will be served in every style.

L. E. Wilkes, of this city, left this morning for Riddle, Douglas county, from which place he goes to the mines to do some claim surveying. He will return by Christmas.

Judge McBride will Saturday decide whether or not James Lee Jr. shall have a new trial. It is said that should the decision be adverse, Lee Sr. will carry the matter to the Supreme Court.

W. W. Boscow has taken an agency for the Fry laundry of Portland, and those wishing shirts laundered will leave same at Wehrung's store before Tuesday noon of each week.

Dille and Hillsboro had a trial on the football gridiron last Saturday. Our boys walked away with the game, score, 8 to 0. The Dille lads are training hard to win out on the return game.

No, Santa Claus will not be there but we will have presents galore at the Grange Hall, Dec. 22nd, 7:30 P. M.

It is reported that Hon. J. H. Gates has gone to Washington, D. C., to look after the interests of the county in the proposed reorganization of the general assembly.

County Superintendent Craig will soon make another apportionment. The sum total is not very heavy, being something between two and three thousand dollars, but it will help out many districts whose treasuries are about depleted.

George Mitchell, representing the Order of Unity, was in the city the first of the week. He is a brother to J. L. Mitchell, who was in this county two years ago in the interests of the Marches, and who instituted a lodge at Greenville.

The state board of equalization finds that Washington county's assessment shows up too much railroad land values by \$93,600. If this be the case, the amount is more than the total landed railroad assessment. The Assessor's roll shows this year's assessment of such property to be \$84,500. So if there be a mistake it was in the footings sent to the board.

An entertainment will be given by the young people of the Congregational Church, next Wednesday evening at 7:30, in the Grange Hall. It will be in the nature of a Christmas Fair. Booths at which Christmas presents of all kinds may be bought, will be a feature of the evening. A very interesting program, to close with a drill by sixteen little girls in costume is in preparation. Fresh oysters will be served. Admission ten cents; refreshments fifteen cents additional.

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Administratrix Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned administratrix of the Estate of John Forster, deceased, have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, my final account as executrix of said estate. And that said Court has set Monday the 10th day of January, 1898, at the hour of 10 A. M. of said day, as the time of hearing objections to said final account, and the settlement of said estate. Dated this 7th day of December, 1897. LINA FORSTER, Administratrix of the estate of John Forster, deceased.

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