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WHO BRINGS DISREPUTE.

It is a patent fact that the producing element of a political party never brought the organization into disrepute, but, on the contrary, the deteriorating influence has come from the commercial centres. This is easily explained, and it needs no wisehood to give a reasonable analysis. When the big commercial centres want a thing, they go forward to get it; they expend money; if it takes crooked work to get it, crooked work is inaugurated. When the great credit combinations wanted an administration which would give them a financial system which would prevent a return of the old and profitable level for farm prices, did they openly ask for it? Not much? They first found their man for president, and then found the politicians to engage in their scheme. The next thing was to get a platform which would not frighten their quarry—the voters. This they found in the international plank—the most stupendous fraud ever perpetrated on unsuspecting voters.

This fraudulent plank held them sufficient votes in doubtful territory to elect the executive. As soon as this was accomplished, the mask was thrown off, and the large newspapers controlled by the money power commenced to openly advocate the gold policy. This disreputable and deceitful work was not the result of the rank and file of republicanism but it was the work of the pigeons employed by those who were bettered by that which limits the production of money. Thus by the work of these ingenious and unscrupulous wire-pullers, the republican party was made to bring about that which its producing wing did not want. The manufacturing interests, which had contributed money for corporate success, immediately perfected trusts for their greater profit, and the public is being led by pirates under the guise of "patriots" and sticklers for "national honor." Yet these very chaps voted thousands of producers for a system which means a debased product, pure and simple—could anything be more ridiculous?

But, though the betrayal is here, it is some satisfaction to know that the farmers in the party did not stoop to perpetrate the fraud which was hoisted to power under false pretence. To the commercial element, backed by the dishonesty of chief politicians, is due the disrepute.

WILL THE PEOPLE ENDORSE?

The Oregonian has published letters from a number of republican state committeemen, all of whom claim party success at the polls at the coming election. Is it possible that these gentlemen are correct? Is it possible that Oregon will again entrust her public affairs to men like Joe Simon, the Portland Hebrew, Joe Simon, whose name is synonymous with jobbery of the worst type? Is it possible that a great state like Oregon must longer remain a mere plaything for this corruptionist and his servile henchmen? If so, why so?

Oregon is a state of which we should be proud; is the commonwealth to longer endure men at the official helm who use power for base purposes—men like Geer, who sells office for money,—and men like Mr. Simon, who is known in the Pacific northwest as a product of the worst possible political type? Is there no redress for the people of so great a state? With men like these representing Oregon is it any wonder that the state suffers, both at home and abroad? When eastern statesmen see our Oregon representatives in Congress, what must they think of the peo-

ple in Oregon who are not sent back to the national capital? With McBride heading the list—a man who has neither ability nor cunning; then Joe Simon, a little non-descript Jew, whom the people of Oregon abhor, not because of his race, but because of his characteristics—ye Gods, what representation in the senate, eh?

Then we have Moody and Tongue in the house—Moody, a mere political creature who has neither anything to anybody, and at all times. All of this quartette have in the past supported any old thing their parties have platformed and they keep shuffling from one year to another in order to keep both feet on the platform—the platform being as shifty as either of the noble statesmen mentioned. But a few years back, and they and their party were strenuously against the debasement of American product, but all are now in the cheap list—supporting that which cheapens all the farmer must sell, yet standing for swindling the farmer on all things the producer must buy. Will Oregon endorse this condition, or will she do away with these political parasites, and put in power that which will stand for the dignity of what Oregon produces? Let us hope the honorable committeemen are in error, and that their reasoning is painted with political coloring. Many of these gentlemen the Argus knows personally, and it knows they are at heart ashamed of Oregon's misrule.

THRICE IS HE ARMED THAT HATH HIS QUARREL JUST.

The treatment of Gen. Cronje, in the British generals forcing him to appear at the doors of their tents before a surrender would be accepted, is unprecedented, and is a stain which will be long in washing to reasonable satisfaction by the world at large. The surrender of three thousand Boers, however, is not a severe blow to the Transvaal cause, by any means. It may be that this temporary setback will more than be redeemed before Joubert gets through with Buller. Every lover of the maxim, "Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just," yet hopes to see the Boers victorious. They are right in all respects with regard to the causes which led to warfare, and their coping with such terrible odds should win for them the admiration of the civilized world. This piking, puling praise of "British valor" which consists of 50,000 men against Cronje's 3,000, is enough to disgust a Munchausen. The whole world of unprejudiced intelligence will feel highly gratified to see Joubert wipe out the defeat of Cronje and repay the insufferable insolence of a man like Roberts, who staid sixteen miles in the rear, poured upon the head of a veteran like Cronje, who was with his gallant little band of Dutchmen in all their hardships of war. Millions of American hearts are today hoping that British arrogance will in the near future be humbled, and were our administration of such fibre, the libertine John Bull, would soon be trekking homeward to sing praises to the queen.

WHEN corporate greed so controls our congress that it must vote a tax upon people in Puerto Rico, aside from that general taxation that is placed upon our home people, then see we where we are at. The poor devils who have been the children of tyranny for ages past are now become the objects of graft. In this benign tariff bill, we see how the constitution does follow the flag—but follows in disgrace—if it shall ever catch up. But moral fibre does not go far these days with our exploiting friends who merely want 'expansion for purposes of robbery.' Still, are we not more than fair with the "dagoes"? They are vassals, and if they complain, we will whip them. We have a right to tax these "varminits" if we want. This is not the first time Hannaites have advocated a government half-slave and half-free. Their monetary "hoon" is Porto Rican, as well.

The Oregonian calls Ex-Consul Macrum a hairbrained youth, or something of that kind, following out the rule of abuse or ridicule it adopts toward all who dare to express a sentiment not in harmony with its political views. On the other hand it refers to John Barrett, ex-minister to Siam, as a profound statesman and diplomat,

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when in fact it knows him to be one of the shallowest, vainest of dukes that ever got into our foreign service, through a family pull with Grover.—Roseburg Review.

Mr. Senator McBride evidently labors under the delusion that one good term deserves another.

Our Oregon congressmen will now commence to push the Indian War Veteran Pension bill.

The country trusted Mr. McKinley, and just to show that he realized that one good turn deserved another, Mr. McKinley and his administration proceeded to "trust" the country.

And the dispatches tell us that the English feel very happy that fifty thousand of their men have captured three thousand Boers! Well, cold consolation is better than no consolation. The British have over 200,000 men in the field, and the Boers have about 60,000. The British losses are now about 12,000 with more to hear from. Cronje succeeded in getting the biggest part of his force out of the way.

DAIRYING FOR PROFIT.

Wm. Schulerich, the South Tualatin dairyman, read the following paper before the recent Farmers' Institute, at Forest Grove:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: Some in the South Tualatin district have learned enough about the dairy business to leave the soil on the right side of the ledger. I will explain our methods and those who follow, will surely meet with profit. First, we must have cows with special dairy conformation. To know this, study the form of all the noted cows that have large milk and butter records, and try to raise or buy cows all near like them, as possible. If you buy, first try and have their milk tested with the Babcock tester, for no man can tell how rich is a cow's milk, by simply looking at the animal. Next, have pure water, comfortable buildings, and in-clude silos. I will say right here, that no person should run a dairy without a silo, as there is no other way that food for cows can be so cheaply produced as by ensilage. Ensilage can be made from any green crop, corn, clover, etc. Your material should be cut in lengths of one-half or three-fourth inches, for if it is not cut very fine, it will not properly settle in the silo, which is its indispensable for good ensilage.

As to ensilage product, I have had the success with the Prize of the North, which matures early, produces fine ears, and will ripen in our climate. In the Willamette valley, clover and alfalfa are the best grasses to raise for hay,—sow six pounds of red clover and of alfalfa, mixed, per acre. For grain feed I would use: 8 lbs. bran and two of oilmeal; or, 8 lbs. of ground barley and 2 lbs. oil meal; or 30 lbs. of alfalfa, 4 lbs. of bran and 4 lbs. of shorts.

Never abuse a dairy cow; she will get even with you by giving less milk and poorer quality, and sometimes dance a jig in the milk pail. In cold, stormy weather, keep your cows in doors both day and night, let them out only to drink, or while the barn is being cleaned. Never fasten them with a x24 scanted on each side of their necks, like many do. Tagline how you would feel with your neck in five inches of space for 16 hours at a time. I use what is known as the model cowstall, and since changing to this, from the old stanchion, my cows gave 1-5 more milk. See that your barn is well ventilated and has plenty of light—by this I do not mean cracks large enough to throw a cat through—but windows, and plenty of them. Never let a solid wall close in front of cows, as this is injurious to their health. Keep, as near as possible, regular hours for feeding and milking. If not, the cow will fret and the fat contents of the milk will be less. Test every cow individually by weighing her milk and then test with the Babcock tester. To be accurate, multiply the pounds of milk by the test and add 16. The result will be the amount of butter the milk contains. If the cow is not profitable, sell her to the butcher as soon as possible. Always remember, in breeding a dairy cow, that the bull is half of the herd. Get a registered animal whose ancestors have milk and butter records as many generations back as possible, for life is too short to make mistakes. The heifer calves to be raised should be placed in a pen by themselves, away from the mothers. The first week, new milk should be fed, entirely, the second week, adding skim milk, gradually, while the new milk is being reduced. The third week, skim milk can be fed entirely, by adding a little oilmeal, which should first be scalded. Three quarts of skim milk, and a tablespoon of oilmeal, all warmed before feeding, twice a day, is enough for a small calf. Do not feed too much, more calves die from overfeeding on skim milk, than die from too little feeding. Have your cows deborned, but do this when they are calves but a week old. Take a pair of shears and clip the hair around the button, then wet button with soapy water, wipe thoroughly dry, take stick of caustic potash and rub the button thoroughly, and in an hour, the horn is a "goner."

Calves should always be kept in growing condition—and not too fat. They should be bred when yearlings, and their udders handled frequently, so as to teach them to stand for milking purposes, like an old cow. In conclusion, let me advise you not to forget to plant pumpkins for early fall feeding. There is nothing a cow will eat with more relish.

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