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STATE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The Democracy of Oregon, in its platform, makes the following declaration of principles: Sec. 1. That a simple government, honest and economically administered, is essential to the prosperity of the people...

A LETTER FROM TEXAS.

Give me a little space in your paper to give the young men of my State the motto here is to make the poor man poorer and the rich man richer...

AN EXAMPLE TO BE EMULATED.

The Democrat of Oregon, in the recent State Convention of that State, nominated a clergyman, named Joseph Henry, for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction...

HOW JAMES WAS "LET OFF."

"I say, Judge," said the gaunt woman, hailing the Court from where she stood, with elevated voice and a waive of her long arm...

WILL SHOW HIM UP.

The Backlog Democrat, published at Baker City, says of the Republican candidate for Congress: Of the hypocritical Christian editor, Hines, we will have something to say in the future...

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

An Adjoining Panic in Congress—The war Statesman sees intimation of a panic in Washington.

Wild parsnips are killing cattle in Jackson county.

Representative Luttrell of California is sick in Washington.

Mrs. Tilton is preparing a detailed statement of her confession.

The number of dead in the Minneapolis fire is now swollen to 18.

John Mark of Applegate creek, Jackson county has a herd of 800 goats.

The funeral of W. S. O'Brien, in San Francisco, was very largely attended.

A Russian naval officer is on route from New York to San Francisco, overland.

The House has passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills.

A Mexican attempted to ride 305 miles in 15 hours, at Brooklyn, on the 4th.

The funeral of John Morrisey, at Troy, N. Y., was attended by an immense concourse.

It is thought that some practical action will be taken on the Chinese question.

Reports are current respecting the withdrawal of Russian troops beyond the neutral zone.

Hayes will allow the Pacific railroad funding bill to become a law by the ten days law.

A shepherd living near Ashland recently discovered a porcupine's den in the mountains.

The Salem Eagles beat the Monmouth base ball club—the Champions—four runs, on Saturday.

The South Chicago woolen mills were destroyed by fire on the 15th. Loss \$150,000.

Russians are to return Turkish refugees to their homes at the expense of the Turkish government.

The British admiralty has ordered that the island of Heigland be promptly and efficiently fortified.

Charles Menie committed suicide at Omaha, on the 5th, on account of having been disappointed in love.

The Jacksonville Times—which by the by is one of the spiciest and neatest papers in the State—intends enlarging.

Lots of emigrants are this year crossing the plains in wagons. Let 'em come to grand young Democratic Oregon.

The Times' Peru correspondent telegraphs that Gen. Polleben is taking the Rhode-Island insurrection vigorously in hand.

C. C. Milton while working in a chute at the mouth of Cotta Nevada creek, fell forty feet into the ocean and was drowned.

The mining season is drawing to a close in Jackson county. Times have been very prosperous this Spring with all the miners in Southern Oregon.

The Turks have evacuated Aatlon, in the Pashalik of Trebizonde. This is considered the commencement of the execution of the treaty of San Stefano.

A number of distinguished Masons met at Washington on the 5th, and formed the Royal Order of Scotland. The Order has never existed outside of Scotland.

Grand Duke Nicholas has reached St. Petersburg. Gen. Todleben, who is left in command near Constantinople, is the right man in the right place in case of war.

Joseph N. Jones, of Evening Shade, Arkansas, step forth into the gleaming light of day. Your sister Eliza wants to hear what you are doing away out here in Oregon.

Serbian detachments are advancing gradually toward the Prissend, Mitrovitz and Salonica railway at Ukupur. Their progress has been impeded by guerrilla warfare.

Extensive preparations are being made for the celebration of the Queen's birthday at Victoria. Visitors are expected from Oregon, Washington Territory and other points.

The mother of William Skelton, the man who killed Joshua Brown some time ago in Douglas county, has come all the way from Portsmouth, Ohio, to see her son. Their meeting was very affecting.

Congress expects to adjourn towards the last of June. A week will be given to the tariff bill, and about that time afforded for the consideration of the Pacific railroad bills, and some other prominent measures.

"I say, Judge," said the gaunt woman, hailing the Court from where she stood, with elevated voice and a waive of her long arm, "ye han't got Jim Carpenter locked up in yer, hev ye?"

"Is there such a man here?" asked his honor of the clerk.

"Yes, air—drunk and unable to take care of himself."

"He's here," said the court.

"Well, I've come after him," said the young woman. "He's the sole support of his family—over in Jersey, and he's my husband, an' I want 'im."

James was brought out, and proved to be an inoffensive person. Mrs. Carpenter brought her hand down on his shoulder with a bang, and clutched his collar.

"Ken I hev 'im Judge?"

"Yes; take him."

James gave one appealing look at his honor, cast a regretful glance in the direction of his prison cell, and was led rapidly out of Court.

A COUNTRY youth, who desired to know how to become rich, sent a shilling in answer to an advertisement, and received the following valuable recipe: "Increase your receipts, and decrease your expenditures. Work eighteen hours a day and live on hash and oat-meal gruel."

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MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL FUND UNDER DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION.

Portland, May 6, 1878.

Editor Standard:

These are matters of general public interest independent of their relation to the canvass. But aside from this, a great many vague and startling charges have been made by the Republican press in reference to the management of these funds during the last few years, and the seventh resolution in the Republican platform has embodied these charges in the sweeping declaration that the Democratic party "has robbed and mismanaged the State School and University Funds, leaving them to partisan favorites on straw securities." Let us see what the facts are by the official record: COMMON SCHOOL FUND.

The amount of this fund on hand on the 12th day of September, 1870, when the Democracy came into power (see report of School Land Commissioners, 1870, page 16) was \$312,385 10. But this includes \$5,894 70 of interest due and uncollected on \$40,548 03 of notes in the hands of the Board (see same report pages 12 and 13). This interest was delinquent for nearly one and a half years. Deducing this delinquent interest and there remained \$306,490 40. By which \$295 95 in hand of the Treasurer (see report 1870, page 12). Total fund September 12, 1870, \$306,786 35.

Thousands of dollars of interest, on loans made by county local agents, was not collected. In many cases the interest was three and four years behind. Many of the descriptions of land in the mortgages were not correct and the mortgages were to be reformed to make them effective, and the fund was in other respects in great confusion.

The law requiring the interest on this fund to be collected and annually distributed among the several counties in proportion to the children in each between four and twenty years of age, was passed October, 1866, yet not a dollar was ever so distributed until the Democracy took charge. Under the Democratic Administration there has been distributed, including 1877, \$246,855 40. The fund has thus been assisting to support the schools in all the districts of the State where schools are maintained, and in a few years more will be of sufficient magnitude to sustain a free school in each of the districts the greater part of the year.

STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE FUND.

Amount in 1870 (Rep. of Board, p. 100) \$204,000 00

Amount in 1871 (Rep. of Board, p. 100) 49,254 00

Amount in 1872 (Rep. of Board, p. 95) 294,258 00

Total amount in 1870, 1871, 1872 547,512 00

Amount of interest since Sept. 1870, \$10,000 00

Total amount in 1870, 1871, 1872, and interest since Sept. 1870, \$557,512 00

To which if we add interest distributed, \$246,855 40

Total, \$804,367 40

The above is the amount the fund would now be if no distribution of interest during Democratic management, including interest of \$475,879 40, or a clear increase of the irrevocable capital of \$228,934.

The charge of "straw securities" is based upon the loans made to J. B. McClane, A. Meyers and the West Portland Homestead Association.

These loans were made upon the certificates of County School Superintendents, certifying the value of the lands offered as security. In each of these cases the appraisement and certificate upon which the loan was made was made by a Republican. The loan to McClane was made upon certificates of two different Superintendents, one of whom was Rev. L. J. Powell, recent candidate on the Republican State ticket for Superintendent of Public Instruction, who certified that the thirty acres of land in N. Salem, upon which the loan of \$6,250 was made, was worth \$20,000 in gold coin. So much for "partisan favoritism" and "straw securities."

UNIVERSITY FUND.

The amount of this fund left by the Republicans for the Democrats to "mismanage" and "rob," to quote from the Republican platform, was as follows:

Amount of coin loaned (see Rep. Board, 1870, p. 10) \$20,000 00

Amount of coin on hand as per Treas. Rep. 1870, 1871, 1872 273 73

Total amount in 1870, only \$20,273 73

There was due \$2,308 70, as interest on this sum, but not collected in 1870, which should not be added to the irrevocable fund loaned, as it is made to appear in the report same p. 11. The interest had been due for three years when the amount, \$7,971 26, was turned over to the Democratic Administration in Sept., 1870. This fund, though small in 1870, was in even greater confusion than the Common School Fund. In fact, the old board and county treasurers, who were acting as local agents, did not seem to know the difference between it and the School Fund, and consequently got the two funds in some instances, mixed.

STATEMENT OF THE FUND.

Amount in 1870, only \$20,273 73

Amount in 1871 (Rep. of Board, p. 100) 41,075 74

Amount in 1872 (Rep. of Board, p. 95) 28,000 00

Amount in 1873 (Rep. of Board, p. 95) 6,794 38

Total amount in 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1873, \$96,143 85

It is claimed that the amount reported in 1876 was too great, because certain parts of it were not paying interest, for instance the loan to A. Meyers, of \$10,000, about which so much has been said. There were some other sums put in the hands of attorneys for collection one or two of which have not been finally adjusted. Some of the amounts that were not yielding interest at the time Hon. M. P. Deady made his report for the fund, are now loaned out and bearing good interest, so the available fund is near \$68,794 38, or an increase during the Democratic Administration of some \$68,000, besides the distribution of several large sums of interest to the University at Eugene City, for its support and maintenance.

The loans to A. Meyers, of \$5,000 each, or \$10,000, were made on property valued by Rev. L. J. Powell, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, at \$30,000 in gold coin. His own signature attests the fact.

The charge that the University and School lands have been frittered away, is also without foundation. The University grant only contained 46,080 acres, and more than half of that is yet unsold, while there remain more than 1,750,000 acres of School land undisposed of.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE FUND.

There was no fund for the support of the Agricultural College in 1870, from the sale of lands. The fund began to accumulate in 1874, and amounted to \$900. The amount of the fund on hand now and bearing interest is \$7,600 97, while but few of the lands belonging to this grant have been sold.

DEMOCRAT.

SOME OF PRETTIER SALVES.

A recent writer produces from the Louisville Journal some of George D. Prentice's witticisms, which are not dependent upon time and circumstances, as most of them naturally were for their point and force. Following are a few