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PROF. POWELL

Appeared at the court house in accordance with previous notice and made a most forcible and telling speech upon the educational and political interests of the day. He treated both Republicans and Democrats courteously. Showed how efficient economical and careful the present officers of the State had been in the management of State affairs, and how proffligate, wasteful and inexcusably negligent the Democratic administration of eight years before had been. That in accordance with the report of the investigating committee appointed by a Democratic Legislature to investigate the Grover administration, it appeared that the school fund had been depleted one half. That the State at the end of that administration was left $737,000 in debt besides accrued interest, making the total indebtedness amount to near $1,000,000. Of that amount the present administration has paid off $487,489 besides accrued interest amounting to $118,459. State taxes have been reduced from seven to 5½ mills besides the present administration has built an Insane assylum and paid for it, leaving no indebtedness against the State on account of it.

He showed that the leaders of the Democracy did not appreciate the last economical administration, because they failed, neglected and refused to recognize Gov. Thayer for his efficiency in office but adopted the conduct of the celebrated Wm. Watkins toward the Governor and then nominated an entire ticket of Grover men. It was Grover and the spoils vs. anti-Grover. Of the candidates he said:

Mr. Moody in the section where he is known is highly esteemed as a man of the utmost honesty and integrity, and in Wasco, a Democratic county, he was elected by a large majority to the Legislature of the State, where the members elected him speaker of the house in which position he discharged the duties with credit to his friends and honor to himself. He came to this State a poor boy and from that position by honesty and integrity in business, he has acquired a competency in this worlds goods.

Mr. Earhart, the present Secretary of State, has made the best officer Oregon ever had. By his capability and attention to his duties he has saved to the tax payers of Oregon the difference between $57 under the present administration, and $97 under the Grover administration on every convict which had been conveyed to the penitentiary.

Mr. Hirsch had filled the office of Treasurer as well as any man could. The speaker said he had known him for 15 years and his name has always been a synonym for honesty and integrity.

The nominee for State printer, Mr. Byars of Roseburg, is a practical printer now engaged in surveying; and where he is known he is highly honored and respected; while Mr. Cornell is one of the men who assisted in measuring the State printing by which Mart Brown drew about $20,000 more than he was entitled to from the State Treasury.

He had known Mr. George ever since 15 or 16 years ago, had heard him recite his lessons at school. Mr. George then established a reputation in recitations, in writing and in speaking, which showed an extraordinary capacity for one of his age. Mr. George is a man far above average ability, and for honesty and integrity can not be excelled. The people of Oregon having found such a young man in the person of M. C. George, who by his ability and commanding appearance did on his first entry in Congress secure a position on the committee of commerce, and who also can stand up in Congress and make himself heard and command the attention of that body, will not fail by their votes to keep him there.

Mr. Powell made many other valuable and impressive suggestions, but space will not permit us to further enlarge.

THE "BOSS" POLITICAL SCHEMES OF THE SEASON.

Every day seems to develop news in the line of the political tricks resorted to in order to secure the election of the "Boss." The ways of the schemer are many but they certainly fall as flat as a wet blanket with this community. The plans now adopted is to work on the sympathy of Republicans. In their attempts to accomplish this end the "Boss" or some of his spokesmen (who are few) approach a Republican whom, it is thought, feels a great interest in Mr. McElroy's election, and is informed that the GAZETTE'S course towards Mr. McFadden has lost to Mr. McElroy 40 or 50 votes; which assertion is as thin as air and effects no sympathy whatever. The next Republican is approached and his greed for gain is attacked by telling him that if McFadden is elected judge that the amount of his salary of about $2000 will be spent here in Corvallis, and if Mr. Bean is elected it will be spent some other place. This is certainly a high-toned electioneering dodge for a person to resort to who aspires to the bench. We have thus far, however, failed to find any person who desires to dispose of their vote for any such considerations.

The next Republican is approached and his sympathies are besieged, when the "Boss" tells him that Mr. Crees, a Republican, is going to vote for him, and he is going to find two or three more Republicans who will also vote for him. The next Republican is told that Judge Moor is going to vote for him, and the next one that some other prominent Republican is going to vote for him, and so on, all of which we feel certain is absolute falsehoods. We know such reports regarding Judge Moor is false and we feel sure that the one regarding Mr. Crees is equally false, and invented by Mr. McFadden like a drowning man catching at straws in the hope to work on the feelings of those approached and thereby secure a vote in that manner. The Republican members of the Campbellite church are also being hunted down and an effort made to draw them up in line and shoot them off for the "Boss" and thus that church is to be catpawed into his unholy schemes. It certainly would be a blessing to the church and an honor to the bench to elect such a man as judge whose use for church and all other thing is to assist him in effecting his purposes.

MR. EFFINGER.

One of the unterrified appeared at the court house in this place last Wednesday evening and attempted to fill the ear of the Democracy with tidings of joy. A great portion of his speech was devoted to about the same line of argument as the other Democratic speakers have made use of before him. At the close of his address he departed somewhat from the speakers before him and took up the subject of repudiation. He attempted to show that the Republican party was one of repudiation. He took up the Mahone party in Virginia and attempted to show because Republicans voted with the Mahone influence that therefore the whole Republican party was one of repudiation. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Mahone was an officer in the Southern army as was also Mr. Effinger, so we understand. Mr. Mahone could not run the Democratic party of Virginia to suit his ideas, and he therefore split off from the old southern bourbon element of that party in Virginia, and formed a new party of his own and thereby took off a great many Democrats with him.

Previous to this time the Republicans of Virginia had been voting the Republican ticket in a hopeless minority without any prospect or probability of effecting anything. The old Democratic party there previous to the Mahone offshoot had carried things with a high hand and the Republicans were anxious to break up and foil their high handed schemes and as they could not possibly effect it by voting by themselves; they chose what they thought to be the lesser of the two evils, and voted with the Malhone offshoot to beat the old bourbon element there which had the desired effect.

Mr. Effinger said that he had always been a Democrat. The air was full of it where he was raised and he thought if under any circumstances he could be induced to act with the Republican party it would be when his party stood for repudiation of the debt of Virginia; he thought then he would stand firm to the party which stood by its obligations. Such flimsy assertions as this might do to tell those who can not read. If this is the case. If Mr. Effinger would discard his Democratic party on account of questions of repudiation, why did he not do so and become a Republican a few years ago when the Democratic party in their national convention amongst other things in their platform virtually resolved in favor of repudiating the national debt? Or when North Carolina Democracy repudiated $44,353,151 of her debt? Or when in 1878 the Democracy of South Carolina repudiated their State debt to the amount of $14,000,000? It is a wonder that Mr. Effinger's faith in Democracy had not been shaken when the Democratic party of Alabama by a system of compromises which she forced upon her creditors thereby repudiated $28,000,000 of her State debt. Or when the Democracy of the State of Tennessee by the repudiating act forced upon her creditors thereby repudiated over $23,000,000 of her debt. There are several other of the States where repudiation was adopted by the Democratic party which was enough to shake the faith of Mr. Effinger if he had been sincere last night and aiming to tell the truth to the people of this county. Whether a man be a Democrat or Republican it does not excuse him from telling the truth on such occasions or justify him in garbling the facts. Mr. Effinger come again, but don't put your assumed sincerity in opposition to the history of the country for the people of Benton county are a reading people and can easily see through your repudiation subterfuge.

SUBTERFUGE.

We are creditably informed that Mr. McElroy's opponent for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction—Mr. Worthington—is ingeniously circulating the report among the Wasco people that if Mr. McElroy is elected he will throw all of his influence and preferences in favor of Benton county colleges and institutions. This charge clearly and emphatically implies that Mr. Worthington would be governed by local preferences. Possibly this unfounded report may have its influence up north where Mr. McElroy is not known; but all of us who know him and have observed his official career for six years past understand full well that he performs his official duties with equal justice to all, and without fear of, or favoriteism to any one. Mr. McElroy is a high minded honorable gentleman who occupies a plane too elevated in the affairs of this life to permit himself to ever think of stooping so low, as his opponents would like the people to think of him. When we first heard the reports of Lambert Worthington or Worthington Lambert, we were inclined to view them with distrust, but when we learned of the report first above alluded to, we concluded that Lambert or even Worthington was to good a name for such a man to be known by, and next thing we might probably hear of his name being *hades* (according to the revision) or something more suitable to the inclinations of the man. Prof. McElroy has made no attack on his opponent, nor has he condescended to the low and transparent device of inventing spurious articles, and signing anonymous names to them, as Worthington Lambert has done. And in reference to Lambert Worthington's latest effort that appeared in the daily *Standard* last week, we would state that that same article as we are creditably informed was answered emphatically and thoroughly by one of the prominent teachers of this county over his own signature and sent to the *Standard*, which as yet has failed to publish it.

Prof. McElroy has made no canvass outside of his own county; indeed, he has made none in it, for he has been continually in the school-room since the campaign opened. And, in general, we think this office and that of Chief Justice should be, as far as possible, free from all political bias which would certainly attend a regular canvass. As a proof of the continued confidence reposed in Prof. McElroy by the Board of Trustees of Corvallis College, they have selected him for the ensuing year to the place he has filled with so much ability for several years.

THE LAST RESORT.

Democratic electioneering schemes like drowning men grasping for straws are prompted to publish such unfounded statements as the following: "More suits have been commenced against Sol King as Sheriff, growing out of misconstruction, mis-application or ignorance of the law, than were ever commenced against any other Sheriff the county ever had. in the same length of time." The author of this startling revelation is certainly inexcusably ignorant or else willfully perverting the truth; for we defy any person to point to a single instance in which Sheriff King as such has ever been sued, arising from either of the causes above stated. In nearly all of the cases in which Sheriff King has been sued for any cause, he has won the cases and thus proved that the parties who sued him were wrong. But in none of the cases was he sued on account of his misconstruction, misapprehension or ignorance of the law; and an assertion to that effect is certainly a willful electioneering lie. The fact of it is that King is a thoroughly *temperate* and industrious man and for this reason has never become intemperate, and has—therefore attended to his official duties thoroughly and completely and he will certainly be elected by a large majority regardless of the *lies* circulated to defeat him unless the people fail to appreciate the work of the best Sheriff Benton county ever had.

A PROBABLE FAILURE.

The Chinamen from the lower washhouse are digging a sewer and laying it with wooden box along the North side of Mr. Langworthy's store towards the river. They are not useing a level on it and it is doubtful when completed whether it will have fall enough to run it to the river. These Mongolians seem willing to do this work in order to comply with the demands of the city government to convey their filth away, and it does seem to us that the city *authorities* would appoint some one to oversee the work so as to be sure that it had sufficient fall to be of use when done. Or the city might join work with them and make a decent and effectual sewer in a case like this. About a year ago the Chinamen also dug a sewer along the north side of Mr. H. E. Harris' store to the river, and like the one in process of construction there was no one on the part of the city who made it their business to oversee the work so as to make it of sufficient fall to carry the water to the river, and hence it was not a success. Our city management only learns by experience and that very slowly. Careful thoughtful reflection for the benefit of the city is not often applied.

WHAT GEORGE HAS NOT DONE.

An exchange very appropriately says: After the long and creditable list of what Mr George "has" done in Congress, now is a good time to note some things that he has not done. It is notorious that a California land company have been trying for years to steal about 150,000 acres of land claimed to be granted to the military road company in Lake county. A bill was presented to Mr. George early last winter which was a cold steal of that much land; and Mr. George promptly refused to introduce it in Congress. Subsequently it was introduced by Representative Rosecrans and Mr. George declares that if it passes it will be because he cannot prevent it. Democratic papers have been trying to tell what Mr. George has not done but have inadvertently overlooked this item. Will they kindly mention it now?

COUNTY TREASURER.

Some critic, as we understand, has been tried to be made by stating that Mr. Buford—our opponent in candidacy for County Treasurer—has not been here so long as his opponent, in regard to which we will say that Mr. Buford has been in Corvallis, actively engaged in business, for eight or nine years. He is an active, energetic business man, and has arrived to that stage in life when his habits and conditions of life are fixed and permanent. He is a careful, painstaking and active business man, and when he is elected treasurer by the suffrages of the people of this county, they can rest assured that they will not regret having placed their confidence in him.

GOODNESS.

In his attempt to keep a "stiff upper lip" and put on a bold front, W. S. McFadden, we understand, claims that the course of the GAZETTE toward him in the present campaign will do him more good than harm. If such is the case, then Mr. McFadden will certainly be overdone with goodness; because from the best information that we can gain there are certainly a great number of persons in this county who are turning their attention to Mr. McFadden in a similar manner to what the GAZETTE has been doing and most of them appear very much determined in their purpose. It is pretty certainly decreed that after election day Mr. McFadden will discover that he has been the recipient of so much of that kind of good that it will result in Mr. Bean's election to the bench.

SUPREME JUDGE.

[Communicated.]

There are many reasons for the re-election of Judge Lord to the office of Justice of the Supreme Court. He is a first-class lawyer and a hard student. Whatever is necessary for him to do in his official capacity will be well done. He is in the prime of life and in good health, and is a man of undoubted integrity. He is not a politician, nevertheless he is a Republican and will at the next election no doubt vote the Republican ticket. As judge on the bench he will decide fairly and without regard to party ties. He is anxious to make a good name for himself. Judge Shattuck, on the other hand, is on the decline of life. Has quit the practice of the law, and is living on his farm. He is in poor health and withall is not a student—a quality which is neccesary for any good judge or lawyer. It matters but little what the law is if it cannot be fairly and correctly administered. Every man in this State is interested in having able lawyers elected to the Supreme Court. The office of judge is not political. A man for this office should be valued for and on account of his fitness for the position, and not so much on account of his political views.

DEMOCRATIC TESTIMONY.

The following handsome compliment paid Hon. Z. F. Moody by the Walla Walla Statesman, a strong Democratic journal:

Z. F. Moody, the Republican candidate for governor, placed the first steamboat on the waters of Lake Pen d' Oreille. This was somewhere about 1866 or 67, and was for the purpose of obtaining the Montana trade; great efforts were made to this end, but the lateness of the seasons and depth of snow in the Bitter Root ranges beyond the head of navigation at Cabinet Rapids on Clarke's Fork prevented the complete success of the efforts, and the boat was withdrawn. Mr. Moody is an old pioneer, and the Republicans could not have nominated a man with more chances of success than he. He has a practical and thorough knowledge of the country and has been educated up to it. The fact that he has been successful in business should increase his chances on the ground that a man who can keep his own affairs in order can safely be trusted with those of a State like Oregon. He is vigorous hale and hearty, and a gentleman of most excellent reputation for integrity.

PREACHER FENTON.

An exchange says:

"Mr Fenton is a licensed preacher in the Christian church as well as a lawyer. He does not deny it and is surely none the worse for it. Democratic editors are frantically denying it, however, and the logical inference is; that they consider it disgraceful in Mr. Fenton to breach the gospel or else they feel uncomfortable in decent company, and want to drag their congressional candidate down to a level with themselves."

Or else they have a consciousness of being guilty of that inconsistency which is not explainable, because when Harvy Hines ran for congress they made as much noise about his professional calling because he was a preacher as if he was thereby the worst man on top of ground. Oh, consistency!—what man can find it in the Democratic party?

A DEMOCRAT'S VIEWS OF HIS TICKET.

Hon. Ben Hayden, of Polk county, was present at the late Democratic State Convention and when Mr. Joseph Smith was called upon for a speech he had to pass where Ben was seated, on his way to the speakers stand. The Polk county Statesman assumed one of his indescribable looks of mock gravity and remarked; "There goes the corpse, where are the pallbearers?" After the nominations were all made Ben said to a friend that the ticket struck him as peculiar as it had a dead man at the head, a man with one leg in the middle and a "measuring worm" at the tail.—*Ex.*

W. S. M'FADDEN.

A Eugene City paper says: "W. S. McFadden, Democratic nominee for Judge of this district, was in town several days this week. He devoted his time to beering up the boys and telling smutty stories. He is a success at story telling, in fact a regular clown."

The Albany *Democrat* also says: "Judge W. S. McPhadden, of Corvallis, Democratic candidate for Judge of the Second District, was in the city yesterday." We did not suppose that the spelling of the name had to be changed on such occasions.

RESURRECTED.

The resurrectionists who met a short time ago in Portland, and brought to life the defunct carcass of the late Rev. Joseph Smith, little imagined that the departed would so soon again compel them to attend his second and last funeral. Says the *Falls City*: Mr. Moody only too willing agreed to dispense with a canvass through the State with a corpse. He did not wish to be caught either dead or alive with a haunted suit of clothes or one who was merely around.

ISAAC HOLMAN.

The Albany *Democrat* says: "Isaac Holman, of Soap Creek, is running on the Democratic ticket in Benton county for Representative. He is a Democrat of the old school, an honest and conscientious man, and will 'run like a scared wolf.'" A Democrat of the old school in Oregon likely means that he is a Grover Democrat. At any rate he is of such an old school that he will never be elected.

ROBERT S. BEAN.

The growing eulogy passed upon Robert S. Bean by Hon. Rufus Mallory at the court house the other evening was deserved. No man in the 2nd Judicial District stands higher amongst the legal fraternity than Mr. Bean. His private character is irreproachable. If he is not elected it will be because legal knowledge and integrity are not required on the bench in this district.—*Plaindealer.*

THOSE "PRINCIPALS."

Who are They?

Mr. McFadden's organ says: "Democrats having at heart the success of the *principals* of Democracy, should vote the entire Democratic ticket, and scratch no man from personal motives." The pertinent inquiry then is who are the "*principals*" of the Democratic party. We supposed that "Boss" McFadden was the principal of that party in Benton county, but we wait for an answer, as to who the others are that gives that organ authority to use that word in the plural form.

Republicans on election day will remember the uncalled for abuse and vilification which they have received in this county from W. S. McFadden, who is now aspiring to be Circuit Judge of this district.

Mr. F. M. Johnson, nominee for County Judge, is a thorough, energetic, and wide-awake business man, a lawyer and one of the best book-keepers and accountants in the State. He is just the kind of a man, when elected County Judge, that will look well and carefully after the finances of the county and, by his advice in county affairs, save to the tax-payers much of their hard-earned coin.

B. W. Wilson, as all know, has heretofore filled the office of County Clerk satisfactory to everyone. In fact he has the name of being, and is, the best clerk in the State, and no one seems to ever have objected to his continuance in office, except the length of time he has already been there, which is certainly a poor excuse, so long as he does his business for the people and serves them better than anybody else that they can get. The people will certainly remember and elect him on next Monday.

KING'S VALLEY.

EDITOR GAZETTE.—I send you a copy of a letter that I have just received from Mr. E. A. Milner.

Mr. JAMES CHAMBERS, Sir.—From reports from the Valley I understand that you and your party friends are circulating lies on me attacking my private character; you also state with considerable force that Milner is a Catholic.

Such a course is to any thinking man most disreputable. No man would attempt to elect himself by such a cowardly dastardly course but one void of all principle of honor. You are welcome to all you can make out of such a proceeding. I notify you that you will have to face the music on some very questionable transactions where morality would hide her face. I never intended to act in this manner only being before the defamed parties your spleen and vindictiveness, but I propose to meet the Devil with his own weapons. You circulated the following on the Sunday before the Belknap, Walker case was called.

(Here is inserted the matter I am accused of circulating, it is too indecent and obscene to be repeated.)

This was an act of a high-toned moral gentleman. You are indeed a man above reproach; your life has been thus far unblemished by thought, word, deed or act. I send Prof. Walker a copy of this letter by this mail. I am prepared to establish the truthfulness of this charge. Come to the center; I'll give you something more to do.

E. A. MILNER.

Corvallis, May 28, 1882.

Mr. Editor, and readers of the GAZETTE: I would not trouble you with this letter nor reply to it except that Mr. Milner says he has sent a copy to Prof. Walker, and I know not how many more copies have been sent throughout the county. Mr. Milner writes "from reports from the Valley;" he does not wait to see if these "reports" are true. I can say as to myself these reports are absolutely false. I have circulated no lies on Mr. Milner, I have not attacked his private character. I have not stated "with considerable force that Milner is a Catholic." Indeed I do not know or care whether Mr. Milner is a Catholic or not. Whether or not my party friends have lied on Mr. Milner, I leave with him and them. In regard to what I am accused of circulating in the Belknap and Walker case against Prof. Walker, I believe Mr. Milner is now engaged in circulating publicly and privately in his letters the very things he accuses me of circulating and which he so much depreciates. Mr. Milner is the only man in Benton county who is unwilling that the street talk and scandal connected with that trial should be forgotten and burried in oblivion. While Mr. Milner is in the business it might be congenial to his taste for him to publish what he himself has said concerning Prof. Walker and the Philomath College, and the people of that place.

In conclusion let me say that Mr. Milner and I have heretofore been personal friends and I hope so to remain when this canvass is over. I have been very busy at home teaching school and have had no time for electioneering. I have been from home only twice since I was nominated. I do not consider the office of School Superintendent a political office, or one that should be made an office of party strife. As far as moral character is concerned, I have lived in Benton county all my life, and if I have any moral character it is well known to the people. The people of Philomath and Corvallis need not be insulted by what I said, what Mr. Milner said, or even what Judge McFadden said, or by what anybody or everybody said "on the Sunday before the Belknap and Walker case was called." If Mr. Milner wants to publish and circulate this for political capital he can do so.

JAMES CHAMBERS.

May 30, 1882.

P. S.—I have known of persons meeting the devil with his own weapons, but the devil generally got the best of the fight. I am not the author of the vulgar term said to have been applied to Prof. Walker, and am not responsible for the people using it. If Mr. Milner's moral character is so pure, why is he now engaged in circulating this vulgar story? I was at home on the Sunday before the Walker-Belknap case was called.

J. C.