

THOMPSON'S VOTE.

ON THE COLLEGE BILL DEFENDED. A MERITED REBUKE TO UNJUST CRITICISM.

EDITOR GAZETTE.—The last issue of the Corvallis Times contains an article by M. L. Pipes which is a great surprise to me as it must be to all his friends who have heretofore admired his very candid and logical style of writing, and proves that one cannot support the cause of an unworthy person without taking on himself part of his unworthiness. The article referred to is entitled "Thompson's Position," and the writer undertakes to make votes for Governor Penoyer by drawing conclusions unfavorable and unjust to Mr. Thompson because he did not vote for the appropriation for the Agricultural College in the last legislature. Mr. Thompson fully and, I believe to all but Mr. Pipes, satisfactorily explained why he did not vote for the appropriation. He was willing to vote for any reasonable amount to any public school but did not think it safe to endow a college with money belonging to the people while a suit was pending in court which would decide whether the state or M. E. Church, South, should control the college with all its funds. Many warm friends of the college shared these views with him, and every lawyer in the state except Mr. Pipes knows that the suit then and now pending will decide not alone who shall control thirty-five acres of land but who owns the Agricultural College and all its endowments, both state and national.

Now, as there is only one lawyer to convince of this fact he shall have his own language for proof. He says "It was already the suit of the state. It involves the right of the state to control the Agricultural College and its funds."—This admission, too, after he had just said, "The lawsuit is about the old college farm and the money appropriated, or the property purchased by it, could not by any possibility be reached by the judgment of the court in favor of the church." Again, he argues that as the bill contained an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the suit and Thompson did not vote for it he was opposed to the state paying such expenses. In other words, because Thompson did not vote for a bill giving \$35,000 to a college whose title was in dispute, and which would be entirely lost should the decision be adverse to the state, he would have opposed a bill for an amount sufficient to defend the state in its rights.

Oh, Pipes! "Who hath bewitched you" that you reason thus? You know there were grave doubts entertained by the best lawyers in the state as to the result of this pending suit and that Thompson but acted the part of a prudent business man when he said, "The title of the college should be determined before making it a large appropriation." You also know that fears as to the result of the suit were entertained by the members of the legislature when, as you say, a provision was put in the bill that the money should not be spent on the thirty-five acres of land then belonging to the college. Now, suppose the decision should be as that provision in the bill admitted it might be, what possible use could the state make of a farm in Benton county without the college? Thompson's record shows that he has always been a patron (not a Penoyer friend) of the public schools, and he but showed by his vote on the college bill his usual business foresight and caution, while our democratic senator voted against Penoyer's celebrated veto on the water bill that he might secure assistance on the college bill even if there were some chances to take as to whether the state would be benefited or not.

It seems that Governor Penoyer, by exhibiting a strong and peculiar personality, has so demoralized the democratic press and party in this contest that one seldom reads a candid article in the former or hears a truthful statement from the latter. May we hope that this will cease with the defeat of Penoyer and that we may see the dawning of the truth at the closing of the campaign. G. A. WAGGONER.

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

The Times publishes a tissue of falsehood from Barney Goldsmith about money being used by republicans, which for pure, outrageous lying beats all former records. The facts in the case are that every republican knows that scarcely enough money has been furnished by the central committee to defray the usual expenses for printing tickets etc., while the democrats have, by levying heavy tribute on every member of the party who holds an office or has employment on any public works, flooded the country with boodle with which they expect to secure the election of their ticket. As a specimen of this virtuous party's action on the boodle question, read the following from the Oregonian of the 28:

A few days ago Chairman Goldsmith, of the democratic state central committee, issued a letter warning people that the republicans would use a "sack" in the election. According to the appended letter some one has been attending the democratic coffers with tribute levied upon the employes of state institutions. It was written by an employe of the insane asylum, who says he can substantiate what he says:

SALEM, May 25.—[TO THE EDITOR.]—One day last week a being erect upon two legs, bearing the outward semblance of a man entered the asylum for the insane and perpetrated a regular swindle on the employes. This man was Frye, the druggist. He came armed with an assessment roll and demanded a half month's pay from every employe in the institution, from the poor boy who has a widowed mother to support and who is getting only \$20 per month, and has to commence work at 4 o'clock in the morning, to the highest paid employe, threatening all with immediate dismissal if they refused to comply. Now I wish to ask the public what they think of this imposition? Of course the nefarious game worked and this swagging pill-mixer, Frye, pocketed the proceeds. I wish to ask Governor Penoyer, who poses as a champion of the poor man, whether he expects to be re-elected on such fraudulent principles. If he is such a friend to the poor man as he pretends to be, he will have this man Frye refund every dollar of the hard-earned money of the employes of the institution, which he collected. God knows they work hard enough for what little they receive. The republican party never resorted to such means to raise money.

AN EMPLOYEE.

MR. VIDITO'S RECORD.

ED. GAZETTE.—Through the columns of the GAZETTE I would like to answer a little article that appeared in the Corvallis Times last week, criticising Willis Vidito's political record. I differ with my friend Republican. If I had written such an article I would have signed my name "Eli Perkins." In fact, there is not a man in Benton county with a better record than Mr. Vidito. When the Republican party was in its infancy, and drove to the wall by secession, Willis Vidito enlisted in the Union army, and risked his life to maintain the principles he endorsed. He did not send a fictitious name.

As to Vidito's anti-monopoly sentiments, he stands with Lincoln, Sumner, Seward, Oliver P. Morton and many other worthy champions of the republican party. But I don't think his critic "Republican" has brains enough to solve the finance question. In fact, I don't think he is a republican at all. I think he had better ride a pack-saddle and vote the democratic ticket straight. Mr. Vidito is an active, energetic man, and although he has had the misfortune to lose one arm, if elected—and I am satisfied he will be—will assess this county in less time better than any other assessor ever has done. In conclusion will say that Willis Vidito is a man of good judgment, well posted in the value of property and well qualified in every respect to fill the office of assessor.

J. R. MAYS.

Hon. C. B. CROSONO, candidate for senator on the republican ticket, has not canvassed the county as many of the candidates have done, having been detained at home on account of the sickness of his wife, but he will be elected next Monday just the same.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

The Presbyterian church of this city was filled to its utmost capacity last Sabbath by those who had assembled to listen to a memorial discourse by Rev. E. J. Thompson, the pastor. Ellsworth Post, No. 19, G. A. R., attended the service in a body and listened with profound interest to the remarks of the speaker. Doctor Thompson is a student and his discourses are at all times interesting, convincing and learned. To-day all who are to take part in the memorial exercises will meet at the G. A. R. hall, in Farra's brick, at 1:30 o'clock, where, as has been announced, a procession will be formed headed by the Corvallis brass band, followed by the members of the G. A. R. and Relief Corps, E Company, 2nd Regiment, O. N. G., the cadets of the Oregon State Agricultural College, etc. They will march to Crystal Lake cemetery, where the usual exercises will take place. The address will be delivered by Rev. A. Rogers, pastor of the Congregational church, this city.

It may not be inappropriate at this time and place to republish the thoughts of an exchange, as follows:

Time with its fleet wings soon bears away a generation of men; but reproduction fills the vacant ranks again and the human race moves on. Like a river that is constantly flowing on, so is the unbroken chain of humanity coming from the eternity of the future and pouring into the eternity of the past. Between these two oceans we have the present—a narrow isthmus where we meet, struggle, die and are lost from sight. The Grand Army posts, unlike the great mass of the human race, cannot recruit, because there is no new material. They may rally the comrades together, they may gather in the stragglers, but they cannot fill up the broken ranks. They may gather around the camp-fires, but once familiar faces are missing. They may sing the old war songs, but many voices are silent. They may tell the old army stories over again, but many who listened and laughed are silent now. They meet in the post room; the old flag is draped in mourning. The roll is called, but some comrade fails to respond. They read the resolutions of condolence, and heads are bowed with sadness. Before another meeting the funeral bell tolls out the solemn notes that another soul has departed, and with muffled drum and flag at half mast a procession of veterans is following another comrade to his resting place. Thus time rolls on and bears away the fallen members week after week, month after month, and year after year until a quorum can no longer be rallied and the charter goes into decay; there are no minutes to read except those kept by the recording angel, and the Grand Army post has faded from sight and passed into history.

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