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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

- Congressman, 1st Dist. BINGER HERMANN. Congressman, 2d Dist. W. R. ELLIS. Supreme Judge, F. R. MOORE.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

- Representatives, E. H. BELKNAP, J. O. STERNES. Sheriff, WM. JOLLY. Clerk, B. W. WILSON.

SELF-MADE men are all right, but self-made candidates are not in it.

The democratic position on the silver question is "wait until after election to pass a free coinage bill."

The election of Veatch of this district to congress means another Holman, a mere kicker against progress and the improvement of our rivers and harbors.

OREGON will be the next state to speak. The entire nation has its eye inclined this way.

The spring municipal elections very generally throughout the country showed substantial gains for the republicans.

UNLESS all candidates for county offices file their acceptance with the county clerk at least thirty days prior to June first, they will not be "in it" when it comes to the election.

OREGON'S delegation to the democratic national convention, headed by Mr. Bush, the able banker of Salem, will support Mr. Cleveland for the presidency.

CLEVELAND said in 1889 that the only way to keep gold coin in circulation was to suspend "the present purchase and coinage of silver."

NO CLEVELANDISM HERE.

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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The matter of public improvements has been the subject of a great deal of discussion in the newspapers and among the leading taxpayers of our city of late. It seems to be the prevailing opinion of a majority of our leading citizens that some steps toward permanent improvements such as the grading of streets, a sewerage or drainage system, the purchase and control by the city of an electric plant and water works, should be taken at once.

First of all, we need good streets. Our streets have been surveyed and a grade established, the charter provides that the expense of street improvements shall be assessed to the property adjacent such improvements.

The next question that seems to meet with general favor among our citizens is a system of sewerage or drainage. Bonds can be issued to the extent of \$30,000 for this purpose, but here comes in the question of water supply.

Now comes in a question of economy. If a system of sewerage is established and the city owns its own water works, would not the same power also serve for the purpose of furnishing electric lights?

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of the total value. Now, the question arises, will it be a profitable investment for the city of Corvallis to expend the sum of \$73,000 for these several improvements? If we have one, we should have all three, unless it can be demonstrated that private corporations can furnish light and water cheaper than the city.

As stated heretofore, the city is paying \$77.00 per month for light and the service is not what it should be. We need more lights on our streets, which would mean still greater expense.

It is suggested that the council employ some thoroughly competent person to gather statistics from various cities that have electric light plants and water systems under their control, and find out the cost of such plants and expense of operating, and submit a careful report of the same to the council.

PAUL EXHORTETH HIS BRETHREN

Again, my brethren, come I to reason with ye concerning the times and to hold friendly converse with ye touching events of great magnitude, inasmuch as it concerneth the public welfare.

Ye are not blind, my brethren; ye have eyes to see and nature hath endowed thee with understanding; if, then, ye have understanding, hear what is said and hearken to the voice of my words.

Bear with me a little and I will show thee, for I have yet somewhat to speak in behalf of those chosen from the multitude to make and enforce the laws and perform other and divers duties pertaining to their several offices.

They are men, my brethren, who esteem others even as themselves; they are not puffed up, do not riot in boisterous talk, are not given to much drinking, do not behave unseemly, but in all things govern themselves as becometh just and honorable men.

And now, my brethren, heed well the words I have spoken unto you, so shall peace and happiness abide with thee now and evermore.

THAT RIOT.

Ed. GAZETTE: Some two weeks ago there appeared in the Corvallis Times, an article headed "Almost a Riot," and signed "Citizen," which contained a most malicious and untruthful statement, meant to injure Hon. E. H. Belknap, republican nominee for representative.

Our nominee, E. H. Belknap, has been an intimate and lifelong acquaintance of your correspondent, and from that acquaintance issues the following: Though not always a leader, in enterprises having in view the public weal, he can always be counted on as a wheel horse.

PROTECTIONIST.

THE CITY CHARTER AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Before the city of Corvallis becomes involved in public improvements, the first and greatest requirement of the people is, the repair of the recently obtained city charter. This charter needs pruning and better safeguards grafted onto it.

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The last city assessment, which was high, if measured by former usage or other states, about 60 or 65 per cent. of real value, money face value, amounted to \$964,334, real and personal, less indebtedness \$222,479, less exemptions \$22,040, from which to collect tax \$719,815.

Aside from municipal tax our other taxes are beyond where they ought to be, for while cities like St. Paul, Minneapolis and Milwaukee with all their bonds for all purposes and state, county and school and municipal taxes come at about \$20 per \$1,000, one wonders how things are as they are.

CRUSADE OF THE MORNING CALL.

Ed. GAZETTE: Kindly give space in your columns to the following article in reference to the crusade the Morning Call of San Francisco is making against the vile habit of cigarette smoking by minors in that city.

The "Morning Call" of San Francisco has lately effected a revolution in that city with regard to the cigarette trade. California has a law somewhat similar to our's here in Oregon, but like our's is violated every day and all day.

Next day the signing of the agreement not to sell tobacco in any form to boys, began among the retail dealers in good earnest. The remarks of some of these men were striking, "I call them coffin nails" said one. "I have boys of my own and so I'll sign it" said a second.

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