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COSPER, republican candidate for treasurer of Polk county, was elected by only 3 votes.

QUEEN VICTORIA was seventy three years old in May. She has reigned fifty-five years.

THE democrats in congress have not yet repealed the McKinley law. What can be the matter with them?

MCKINLEY will be the leader of the victorious hosts of republicanism and Americanism four years from now.—Statesman.

RIVER boating is lively. We wish the boats success. Now that the river is likely to be improved, we may before long have these great freight equalizers every month in the year.—Statesman.

THE wool clip, which will be marketed in this city the present season, is expected to put in circulation about $900,000. With free wool, not a pound would be raised in this county, and with this fact staring them in the face it is not surprising that sheepmen should support the doctrine of protection.—Times Mountaineer.

THE Oregonian correspondent at Washington says, the political news from Oregon has proved exceedingly cheering to the republican members of congress, who take it that the state remains true to the faith. Representative Hermann is especially gratified over the magnificent majority it polled for him, and he has been the subject of hearty congratulations on all sides.

THE highest vote in Multnomah county at the recent election was that for sheriff—13,423. The highest on the state ticket was that for justice of the supreme court—13,364. Not less than 2500 persons entitled to vote failed to do so. Many of them found the law too complicated, and others were shut out by the closing of the polls before they got a chance to vote. At the presidental election in November the ballot will be a simpler one, there will be but few names on it, and the experience had with it will render the voting less difficult and slow. The county will probaly cast over 16,000 votes in November.—Oregonian.

THE prohibition national convention will assemble in Music hall, Cincinnati, June 29, and if the full complement of delegates is present there will be 1,091 on hand beside alternates and visitors. During the campaign of 1888 the prohibitionists claimed that that would be their Fremont campaign, and in 1892 would come their Lincoln campaign. They count on polling 1,000,000 votes this year, or four times as many as they polled in 1888. The present prospect is that the third and fourth party voters this year will not be very numerous; the lines will be strictly drawn, and the prohibitionists will do well if they poll as many votes as they did in 1888.

THE San Francisco Chronicle says that Oregon has fired the first gun of the campaign with a bang, and it has wakened the echoes which had been hushed into silence after the republican victory in Rhode Island. This year, for the first time, Oregon had two congressmen to elect, and the republicans have elected both. Binger Hermann was, of course, one, and the other from the second district, was named Ellis. We have not been informed as yet whether the sheep voted at this election, as a disgusted democratic apostle declared they did in 1888, but it is very evident that a large number of republicans voted, since Hermann's majority is estimated at 3500 and Ellis' at 4000. If these figures are maintained at the presidential election Oregon will take rank not only as a solid but as a stalwart republican state

### WATTERSON'S OPINION.

Henry Watterson, in the Louisville Courier-Journal, says of the republican nominees: "Beyond any question the president is the strongest candidate the republicans could put in the field. Whitelaw Reid will strengthen the ticket in more ways than one. He is a man of large wealth, which he knows how to spend. He is chief of a great journal, which is a power by itself." This is the view of a clear-headed democratic politician, who does not allow his prejudice to run away with his judgment.

### A GOOD PRESENTATION.

The platform adopted by the national republican convention at Minneapolis, is a document terse, straightforward, clear and convincing in its presentation of the subject. There is no double dealing in its construction. It has but one meaning upon every item mentioned and that meaning is clear and penetrating.

In the Chronicle's comments it says: After laying down the principle that all articles except luxuries which cannot be produced in the United States should be admitted free of duty, and that all competing articles should pay duties equal to the difference between wages abroad and wages at home, the platform says: "We assert that the prices of manufactured articles of general consumption have been reduced under the operations of the tariff act of 1890." There is plenty of affirmative testimony to this, but the strongest evidence is, perhaps, the silence of the democratic house of representatives on the point. Not a single democrat in the fifty-second congress has dared to attack the McKinley bill on the ground that it had enhanced the price of the necessaries of life to the American consumer.

The plank relative to bimetallism speaks with no uncertain sound. It declares that the sentiment of the American people favors bimetallism and that the republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money, with such restrictions and under such provisions as shall secure the maintenance of the parity of values of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt paying power of the dollar, whether of gold, silver or paper, shall be at all times equal. Who can take exception to this doctrine unless it be some gold loving Shylock who hopes to secure his pound of flesh from the luckless debtor, and who insists upon the letter of his bond?

As to the republican plan of reciprocity the platform asserts that "executed by a republican administration, our present laws will eventually give us control of the trade of the world." That is a reasonable prediction, in view of the immediate and remarkable success which attended the adoption of the suspensive clause of the McKinlly bill, a piece of legislation which was commented on in Europe as being the shrewdest and most far-seeing legislative action of the century.

A word should be said for the Nicaragua canal plank, a subject in which California and all of this coast is specially interested. The convention asserted that the construction of the Nicaragua canal is of the highest importance to the American people, both as a measure of national defense and to build up and maintain American commerce, and should be controlled by the United States government. This must certainly be held to commit the party to national aid to the canal, for no other way could the government have any claim of right to the control of the great waterway when completed.

### THE VOTE OF OREGON.

The vote of Oregon since 1872 now becomes a matter of current interest. In 1872 President Grant carried the state by a majority of 4,065. In 1876 when the contest lay between Tilden and Hayes the latter had a majority of 1,050. In 1880 Garfield's majority was 671. In 1884 Blaine's majority was 2,256. In 1886 the secretary of state of Oregon was elected by a republican plurality of 290. In 1888 the republican plurality for President Harrison was 6,769. In 1890 Governor Pennoyer carried the state by 5,151 plurality. In the same year Congressman Hermann's plurality was 9,913.

The democratic vote has increased from 19,849 in 1888 to 30,263 in 1890, taking the congressional election of that year as the basis. The republican vote, which was 20,619, increased to 40,176 in 1890. In that year 2,856 votes were cast for the prohibition candidate.

### INTERVIEW WITH REID.

NEW YORK, June 11.—The Evening World's White Plains special says: "Reid said to a reporter to day, 'I had no expectation, I assure you, of being nominated. when I was apprised of the fact last night it was very much of a surprise.' Reid said, regarding Blaine's position, 'Blaine is a republican, and as such his attitude will be one of cordial support to the republican ticket.' Asked regarding Platt's position, Reid said his answer concerning Blaine applied to Platt. Reid said he should not enter actively into the campaign, but confine himself to work in New York, Reid said: 'It is no easy task before us, but we shall make an honest and, I hope, successful endeavor to win.'"


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The nomination of president Harrison, for re-election, is one of the wisest acts that the republican national convention could have taken. With the great masses of the people he is the strongest man that could be placed on the ticket, His administration has been a clean one throughout, notwithstanding that it has been a decisive, firm and marked one. Harrison has been president and has held the reins in a firm and decisive grasp, though at no time has he been arbitrary or unfair.

The country has prospered and every question affecting the honor, integrity or material welfare of the nation has been met with judgment and such a spirit of fairness that all entanglements have been adjusted to our benefit, credit and welfare.

The only dissatisfied ones who have raised any kick, are those whose demands for appointment to office have not been fulfilled. And yet from that source there has been less reason for displeasure than any other, for taking into consderation the difficulties surrounding the immense patronage of the government, and President Harrison has shown a wonderful degree of wisdom and fairness in making his appointments, and the mistakes have been the fewest that could have been made.

President Harrison has evinced a statesmanship that is indeed commendable; a zeal for the welfare of the nation that is worthy of emulation; a fidelity to duty that deserves recognition; an ability, firmness and decisive action that meets the difficulties that have arisen or may arise in the varied exigencies of the administration of public affairs, that speaks louder than mere words for his fitness for the great position he holds. All things taken into consideration, the country will accept the renomination of Mr. Harrison as an assurance of an election.

For the second place on the ticket the placing of so distinguished a citizen as Mr. Whitelaw Reid, who has been so well known and is so eminently qualified for the place, adds strength and gives universal satisfaction. Mr. Reid has rendered eminent aid to the country in the positions of trust and honor he has held, especially in the difficult diplomatic place of minister to France, which he filled with satisfactory results.

### THE RECORDS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Since March 1, 1889, one-quarter of the national debt then outstanding, or $259,093,650, has been paid off at an expenditure of $296,316,931. These bonds, if they had run to maturity, would have cost, principal and interest, $351,669,424. The saving by their purchase was, therefore, $55,352,493. The annual interest charge was reduced by these purchases from $34,578,219 to $22,893,871. This is a reduction of $11,634.348 annually, or one-third. It pays one-half the average addition to pensions due to the dependent pension act, and leaves the payments for interest and pensions lower than twelve years ago.

By these free redemptions of debt, the operations of the treasury and other causes, the volume of the currency has been increased in three years and two months $209,366,348. This is nearly twice the addition under President Cleveland, which was $117,456,837, and one-fifth the entire addition to the currency of $936,798,644 from all causes in twenty-eight years, from July 1, 1860, to March 1, 1889.

The revenue collected from the people has been reduced by $35,000,000 to $46,000,000. This reduction of nearly $1,000,000 a week has reduced one-half the cost of sugar to every workingman of family in the land.

The average annual reports under President Harrison have been for three years $907,083,731. Under President Cleveland for his last three years they were $719,781,096. This is a larger annual sale of American products of $187,302,635. In three years of each the total foreign commerce under President Harrison has been $5,161,305,023. In the last three years of President Cleveland it was $4,289,702,199. This is an excess under a republican administration of $871,602,824.

These are some of the significant facts and figures that illustrate the beneficent effect of protective legislation and arbitration. Under President Cleveland the excess of exports in three years was $28.984,379. Under President Harrison this excess has been $281,197,367.

### INCREASED COMMERCE.

There are many ways in which the McKinley tariff and the reciprocity treaties made in acccordance with it can be shown to have been beneficial to the country, for there is scarcely a single industry in the union that has not been benefitted either by one or the other, but perhaps no proof is more conclusive than that which is afforded by the great increase that has taken place in our foreign commerce. The statistics covering this subject show an increase so extraordinary that they would be incredible if they did not come direct from official sources. The exports of American produce during the three years ending in 1889 were valued at $2,721,251,195, being an increase in three years of $561,243.289, while during the three ending 1892 they reached a value of $2,721.251,195, being an increase in three years of $561,997,906. The imports do not show so great an increase for the three years but they still reveal a considerable advance, as those for the last three years under Cleveland amounted to $2,130,358,910, while under Harrison they amounted to $2,440,053,828. It is in considering the figures of the balance of trade, however, that we find the full measure of the effect of the new tariff. During the last three years of Cleveland the excess of our exports over our imports was but $28,984,379, while during the first three years of Harrison they amounted to the vast sum of $281,197,367, or nearly ten-fold what they were in Cleveland's time. Figures like these are as eloquent as true, and they are likely to do a great deal of talking during the coming campaign. It is still remembered among the people that the democrats declared with great vehemence that the McKinley tariff would destroy our foreign commerce. To these declarations the statistics we have quoted will reply, and the reply is sure to win votes for the party that enacted the tariff and intends to support it.

### IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

Governor Pennoyer, referring to the late election in Oregon, said: "The democrats could easily have carried the state if they had not abandoned free coinage and indorsed Grover Cleveland. From 8000 to 10,000 democrats were driven from the democratic ranks to the people's party by the open treason to principle and the blind idolatry of the late democratic state convention, which changed the party platform to suit its plutocratic candidate.—Oregonian.

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