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THE REWARD OF LOYALTY.

Betrayed by its managers, decimated by blundering leadership and diminished by deliberate treason, the democratic party of Oregon comes out of the election with less than one-third its old numerical strength, with its organization destroyed, deserted by its leaders, and with nothing to show for its struggles and its sufferings but its clear record of loyalty to party principles and its legitimate claim to share the spoils of the national victory, to which it could contribute nothing but fidelity and goodwill.

At the last gubernatorial election the democratic party of Oregon cast over 35,000 votes. Its vote for the Cleveland electors last Tuesday will reach barely 13,000. The rest have been stampeded by Penoyer and Murphy into the populist camp. The democratic party in Oregon has been betrayed deliberately to build up a people's party. The Weaver vote in this state will not be less than 25,000. It is relatively as strong as the democrats were before they went to pieces. Indeed, the republican plurality over Weaver will probably be less than the republican plurality over the democrats at the congressional election last June. The people's party has superseded the democratic as one of the two leading parties of Oregon, relegating the democrats to the limbo of third party obscurity with the prohibitionists, at the very time when the people's party drops out of sight in national affairs and the democrats achieve complete control of the national government.

This should make strange division of the spoils of victory. Those leaders who have taken two-thirds of the democrats into the people's party fall heir naturally to control of that organization. Penoyer should reign undisputed henceforth, as leader of the second party in the state, as autocrat of the 25,000 voters now ranged under the Weaver banner in Oregon. Whatever glory there may be now, whatever profit there shall be hereafter in leadership and control of the people's party in Oregon belongs to Penoyer, Murphy and their associates. They will call and superintend its conventions. They will reap the fruits of any future defeat of the republicans in the state elections. If the republicans shall lose the legislature two years hence, Penoyer will go to the senate, and if Herrmann and Ellis shall be defeated, their successors will be men who voted for Weaver last Tuesday. That is the reward of their desertion of Mr. Cleveland in the day of trial.

Those democrats who did not desert Mr. Cleveland should reap the reward of their steadfast loyalty to democratic principles; of their refusal to vote for Weaver and the Omaha platform, in the face of insidious temptation. They should receive whatever share may be due to Oregon of the spoils of the national victory. They are few, but they are enough to fill the federal offices in Oregon and what other places Mr. Cleveland may think proper to give his supporters in this state. These are their due. They are all that is left of the democratic party in this state, and the democratic party is about to begin distribution of federal patronage. The men who voted for Cleveland would ask nothing of Weaver if he were elected president. The men who voted for Weaver have no right to expect anything of Cleveland. There is no fear that Governor Penoyer will commit such an impropriety. He will hold himself as sternly aloof from the democratic president as he has from the democratic ex-president. He will indorse no application for office to the man he did his utmost to defeat. All self-respecting Weaver democrats should imitate him.—Oregonian.

ALUMINUM FOR DENTISTS.

Gold is generally accepted as the best foundation for false teeth, but pure aluminum would be far preferable if one could only get a dentist to use it. It is the lightest of all metals, and will not oxidize. Therefore, the mouth would never feel hot or overloaded. No dentist has ever yet used this metal for the purpose, but in a few years' time there will be little else used—either pure or alloyed with gold. Another advantage it possesses is that it ranks for cost with the baser metals.—Ex.

Oregon democrats are indulging in considerable profanity regarding their despotic state committee.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

On the 15th inst. at Portland, Or., before the state bar association, a summary of all county reports was read, showing that during 1891 there were 2,110 marriages celebrated in Oregon and 458 divorces granted, or about five marriages to one divorce. Connecticut has about 11 marriages to a divorce; Massachusetts, 30; Ohio, 20; Rhode Island, 11; Vermont, 16; New Hampshire, 10; Maryland, 62; Kansas, 17; Wisconsin, 21.

It is worth while to compare these figures with those of the old world. Belgium averaged 193 marriages to one divorce; France, 138 marriages to 46; England, 718. In some years Catholic Ireland averages over 20,000 marriages to one divorce; Berlin, in 1885, had 19 marriages to one divorce, while Stockholm for the same year had 34 to 1. In 1885 there were 470 marriages in Russia to one divorce; in Switzerland, 22; in Belgium, 138; in Prussia, 59. Italy grants her wedded sufferers no absolute divorce.

No individual in the United States has taken a more active interest in the establishment of roads, and scientific road building than Albert A. Pape, of Boston. He has devoted much valuable time and made a practical study of the methods to secure the best roadways. Mr. Pape is sending out petitions to college presidents, railroad presidents, postmasters and others, requesting them to sign the same, and, also, aid in getting others to sign the said petitions, asking that there be founded in the city of Washington, a road department, an institute of road engineering, and a permanent road exhibit, and a comprehensive exhibit of road construction and maintenance at the world's Columbian exposition in Chicago. Good roads are a matter of vital importance to the people of Oregon, as well as the entire country in general, and people should interest themselves in asking the government to maintain a road department similar to the agricultural department. No part of the country feels a more urgent need for improvement in roads than Oregon, and our people should aid in impressing the government with the paramount importance of doing practical work to attain the desired end. Good thoroughfares are a sure index of higher civilization and consequent prosperity, and a united effort in this direction can only be productive of the best results.

A WASHINGTON dispatch speaks right out in meeting as follows, and the hungry democrats smile as they contemplate its full meaning: "Democrats who profess to know say that Cleveland will not be nearly so lenient as he was in 1885 in the removal of republican office holders and the appointment of democrats as their successors. With the exception of the classified service, which is under the control of the civil service commission, a clean sweep will be made as rapidly as possible of all republican office holders. Little attention will be paid to the so-called tenure-of-office which allows a republican or a democrat to serve out his full term before his successor can be appointed."

A SPECIAL train of twenty cars of walnuts has been shipped from Los Angeles. Nearly 20,000 pounds of walnuts were placed in each car, and the estimated value of each carload is about \$2000. This is the first train of this character which has been shipped across the continent, and the occasion is an interesting one to shippers of California products. The nuts are the products of the Los Nietos orchards.—Pacific Rural Press.

THE increase in the output of impure books has become so great that a demand must soon be made in no uncertain tones for a more thorough enforcement of the laws in every state against them. The downfall of thousands of our youth is directly traceable to bad literature. Highly-colored plates of immoral scenes to pander to the depraved mental appetite of the young and old, are displayed on news-stands, and any one who has the price may buy.

UNDER the present assessment law indebtedness grows in the several counties from year to year until it is feared there will soon be only about \$200 worth of property in the state that is liable to taxation.—Statesman.

THE man who has no theory to account for the defeat of Harrison has only to apply to his neighbor in order to get one. Every other man in the country has an opinion on the subject to give to all comers.

THE most striking spectacle of political misfit, is a Weaverite trying to wear a Cleveland smile, says an exchange.

DEMOCRATIC SLATE.

Now that republican office holders will be expected to retire after the 4th of March next, it is surmised Corvallis democrats will soon have their slate made up for federal appointments. The fact will be forgotten that the Corvallis precincts did not vote for the Weaver electors, and there will be several applications for the billet of collector of customs at Yaquina bay; however, the position of health officer will be given to a resident on that side of the mountains to promote harmony in the ranks of the democracy when they hold their county convention in 1894. H. G. Davis will probably expect to get the appointment of register of one of the U. S. land offices in eastern Oregon, while Hon. S. T. Jeffreys will be offered the receivership of the Oregon City land office. There will be several quiet consultations as to who will get the Corvallis post-office, and Barney Martin will probably get an appointment in the internal revenue department of this district as a reward for his zeal in getting up jubilation excursions and the way he writes up victorious campaign poetry.

THE Chicago Tribune finds a secondary cause of Cleveland's election in the fact that of the new votes cast in the northern states, by a careful estimate 400,000 were those of men who have become naturalized since 1888 and voted for Cleveland, to not more than 50,000 who voted for Harrison. There were naturalized this fall in the city of New York 80,000 foreigners and 15,000 in Brooklyn and 15,000 in the rest of the state. Nine-tenths of these persons, or 54,000, voted for Cleveland, and about 6000 for Harrison. This gave him his majority in the state. Thirty thousand men have been naturalized in Cook county since the early months of 1891. Five-sixths of these, or 25,000, voted for Cleveland and the democratic candidates. This, the Tribune thinks, makes it clear where Cleveland got his majorities. The republican party has been accused of tempting hordes of foreigners to this country by the bait of high wages and easily gained property. If so, it appears to have nursed a viper in its bosom.—Oregonian.

ONE of the greatest regrets a citizen of the Pacific coast must feel at the outcome of the election is the entrance into power of an administration hostile in sentiment to the Nicaragua canal as a national enterprise. The construction of that great waterway under the auspices of the government would do more for this region than any other project or policy ever mooted, but the fiat has gone forth, and a congress has been elected from which nothing in this direction may be expected, and a president who has already given the enterprise a heavy blow by defeating the treaty with Nicaragua. It is a positive and distinct loss to every person living West of the Rocky mountains.—Portland Chronicle.

A LONDON cablegram states that the talk formerly indulged in about the futility of the international monetary congress is no longer heard, and the belief is growing that the conference will accomplish important results. There was a great deal of partisan criticism of the project in the United States when it was first made public, but the trend of events has led the people to see that it is the only practical plan of solving the silver problem. No one nation can re-habilitate silver. The world must unite upon one plan, if the white metal is ever to be more than the material for subsidiary coinage.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW says: "If Cleveland is elected, I hope the democracy will have both branches of congress. If he is elected it simply shows the country has accepted the theory for practice. Give the democrats full swing; let them have every opportunity to reduce their theory to practice."

THE reasons given for the republican defeat Tuesday are various and cover considerable ground. The most convincing one is, the Cleveland electors polled more votes than those on the Harrison ticket.—Ex.

DR. HENRY SLADE, the spiritualistic medium, has been pronounced insane. Many persons have considered him so for several years.

OREGON republicans did their duty manfully and they have reason to be proud of their triumphant victory over trickery and fusion.

IN 1888, Cook county, Illinois, gave Harrison a plurality of \$16. This time it has apparently gone 25,000 democratic.

IN Marion county the prohibs lost one vote since last June.

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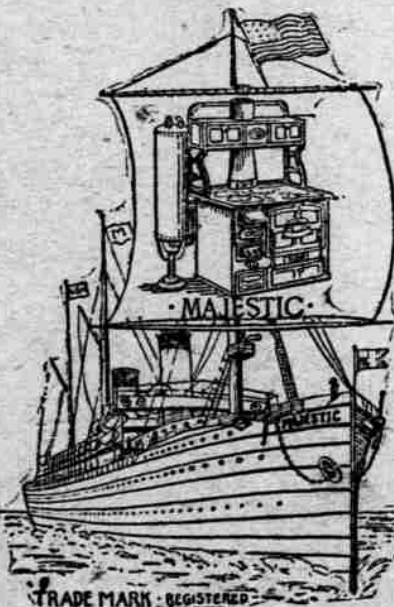
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