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THE CAMPAIGN BEGINS.

Judge Kelsay and L. Case Entertain the Public with Rousing Tariff Talks.

In the circuit court room on last Saturday evening a large crowd of anxious citizens assembled to listen to the program of exercises prepared for the entertainment of the Benton County Republican club, and at 8 o'clock Judge Kelsay was introduced, who, upon the subject of the tariff, gave some valuable information. The judge dwelt upon the tariff of other countries in earlier days and in a comprehensive manner showed that the protective tariffs were mainly responsible for the original prosperity of England, Germany, France and other governments of the old world. The venerable judge made a happy hit, after a citation of numerous facts in support of his subject, when he said that the person who today voted against the republican policy of protection was "a bigger fool than Thompson's colt," and to this sentiment the audience heartily assented.

Then the quartette, composed of Messrs. Johnson, Yates, Bloss and Pritchard, rendered a beautiful song, followed by an encore that was also loudly applauded.

Mr. L. Case then took the floor and after prefacing his remarks with a few introductory statements followed the same line of thought occupied by the former speaker, but with more local application. Mr. Case is thoroughly conversant with the tariff question and his illustrations of the detrimental influences of free trade as promised by the Wilson bill, together with those demonstrations of beneficial results of protection as afforded by McKinley's glorious law were received with doubtless favor, for at times the applause of appreciation was almost deafening. Mr. Case, should he be prevailed upon to appear on the stump during the campaign, will prove a power in converting wayward members of the g. o. p. back to the party of prosperity, peace and plenty.

After more music by the quartette an opportunity was given those present who were not on the roll to become members of the club, and about forty responded, including a number of democrats. Arrangements were completed for the establishment of a public reading room and republican headquarters where campaign literature of all kinds will be kept on hand for free distribution. The committee reported having secured the room formerly occupied by THE GAZETTE in the Fisher building, over Woodward & Allen's drug store, which is now being prepared and will soon be in readiness for use. After the county convention it is proposed to have the county central committee's headquarters located here and at all times someone in authority will be found there to receive and impart information concerning the progress of campaign work.

FINANCES IN GOOD CONDITION—A Two-Mill Tax Voted for Next Year.

At the school meeting for district No. 9, 137 persons voted. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved, after which Chairman F. M. Johnson, in pursuance of a resolution passed at the last annual meeting made a report on the board's investigations of the books and tax rolls, which shows that the two Corvallis districts were united in September, 1887. In December, 1888, there was voted an 84-mill tax to aid in buying grounds and building a new schoolhouse. From this levy about \$4,000 was raised. In 1890 a two-mill tax was levied for the purpose of paying interest on the bonded indebtedness. The valuation of the taxable property in the district that year was \$699,486, and the amount collected was \$1,378.97. In 1891 there was levied a five-mill tax, two mills being for interest on bonds and three mills for the maintenance of free schools in the district. The valuation for this year was \$749,510 and the amount collected \$3,697.55. A seven-mill tax was levied in 1892, two mills being to pay interest on bonds, two mills to be applied on payment of amount due Hamilton, Job & Co., and the one mill for the maintenance of schools. This year the valuation was \$770,273 and the amount collected \$4,635.47. For the year 1893 there was voted and levied three mills, one to pay interest on bonds, one to pay indebtedness to Hamilton, Job & Co., and one mill to aid in maintaining the school. No part of this levy has been collected, having only been spread upon the tax roll within the past few days. The valuation for 1893 is \$1,047,000. \$3,971.45 has been received from the above levies for interest on bonded indebtedness and \$960 paid out annually for that purpose during the past four years, leaving a balance in this fund of \$131.45. Total amount received for floating indebtedness, \$1,334.65. This amount the clerk has overpaid in the sum of \$235.45. Total amount received from levies for the maintenance of free schools in the district, \$4,149.83, which amount has been disbursed in full. The bonded indebtedness amounts to \$16,000, while property of the district is insured for \$17,000. This will expire in August, 1895. The board took pleasure in making the announcement that it would not be necessary to vote any tax to aid in maintaining the school during the coming year. This proved an agreeable surprise, as it was the first time since the district was organized that the taxpayers have not been called upon to vote a special tax to aid in maintaining the school. The report further showed that of the eight teachers employed all are residents of Oregon, with but a single exception. Each one has had several years' experience and are all graduates of colleges or normal schools, with diplomas or certificates from the state of Oregon. The floating indebtedness of the district is about \$1,600. This will be entirely paid from the tax to be collected this year, together with the one mill voted for that purpose at the last meeting. Affairs of the district appear to have been very economically administered during the past year, which, together with the excellent condition of the school, reflects credit upon the board having the same in charge.

STUBBORNNESS PUNISHED.

THE PATHETIC STORY OF "THE TIMES," PROPERLY TOLD, CHANGES THE TALE.

Our readers will remember that last September, one Walter Poole was arrested on the charge of arson and bound over to await the action of the grand jury, the complaining witness being Thomas Richardson. The grand jury being clearly a case of malicious prosecution. Poole had purchased some land from the O. & C. R. R. Co., on which Richardson had been living for some time without color of title and he, Poole, began to clear the ground, build fence and plant garden. Richardson acknowledged that he had no right to the place, but refused to leave until actually forced off. He held the fort until last Monday when Deputy Sheriff Skipton ejected him and wife and put Poole in possession. It was Richardson's and not Poole's fault that the couple had to leave in disagreeable weather. Mrs. Richardson is deserving of sympathy, but her husband is a shiftless person who has twice had the means of purchasing a good farm, but he squandered it. Poole is a hard worker and a deserving young man. The average man will acquit Poole of hard-heartedness in refusing to allow Richardson to await his convenience in moving, after having suffered insults, arrest, and much loss of time and money at his hands. Richardson was another place in the near vicinity to which he might have gone some time ago but for his sheer cussedness.

TO MY FRIENDS.

A brief but pleasant stay has been mine in Corvallis for the past six months as editor of THE GAZETTE. In relinquishing the pen as such it is with no slight regret, as the business, social and political friendships formed will ever have a preferred page in memory's calendar. Advantageous business opportunities alone stimulated the desire to change my base of operations. I sincerely thank all for kind expressions of confidence and courtesies shown me during my career in your deserving little city. Sincerely yours,
E. FINLEY KRITSON.

A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION.

A satisfactory explanation of the recent scandalous charges made against Dr. Applewhite is anxiously awaited by the Corvallis public. He has written frequently to his family, in usual affectionate manner, still his continued absence and failure to refute the allegations have not had the effect of increasing the confidence of the public in his innocence. If the reports be true, the only satisfactory explanation for such conduct on the part of a man occupying his position, would be temporary mental derangement. This theory is advanced by not a few who are inclined to believe the reports have a coloring of truth.

THE MANY SUFFERERS FROM THE DEPREDACTIONS OF CHICKEN THIEVES.

The many sufferers from the depredations of chicken thieves during the past few months are rejoicing over their apprehension. The thieves proved to be five or six boys who have been robbing the roosts, not from a spirit of fun, but as a means of a livelihood. Some of them belong to very respectable families who are disgraced by their doings. It is probable that the matter will be settled by the boys paying for the stolen chickens in which event no arrests will be made. To Officer McLagan is due the credit of ferreting out these mischievous young outlaws.

Notice the array of talent spoken of as aspirants for the nomination of clerk on the democratic ticket. There is young Adam Wilhelm, of Monroe, Hugh Finley, of Williamette, Ira Hunter, of Soap Creek, Telt Burnett and V. E. Watters, of Corvallis, with several precincts yet to be heard from. Dollars to doughnuts they all get left—on the 4th of June.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

majority and will make an excellent officer.

The proposition to levy a one-mill tax to pay interest on bonds, carried 101 to 10; proposition to levy one-mill tax to pay balance due First National bank, carried 76 to 29; proposition to levy one-mill tax to pay off one bond, lost 33 to 66.

A HORRIBLE CRIME.

Eugene was last Thursday night the scene of one of the most horrible crimes ever committed in this state, as the result of which three persons are now dead and another seriously injured. For some time past Grant Moss had been paying his attentions to Miss Belle Coleman, which, it seems, were not appreciated. He became involved in a fight with his aged father a short time ago over some trivial matter. This action so disgusted the young lady that she would have nothing more to do with him. It is also said that the kind treatment received by Moss was on account of sore eyes. This he mistook for affection, and when requested not to call again he resolved on revenge. Calling at the house on the evening in question Moss found Mr. Coleman at home and after chatting pleasantly for some little time, asked if the ladies were in, meaning Miss Coleman and her sister, Mrs. Emma Osborn. On being informed that they were in an adjoining room he thereupon walked to the door opening into the room where they were and drawing a revolver shot twice, one taking effect in the arm of Miss Coleman and the other in the breast of Mrs. Osborn, near the heart which proved fatal. Mr. Coleman sprang at Moss but when near him received a bullet in the heart, from the effects of which he has since died. The body of Moss was found about half an hour after the shooting, in the yard back of his father's house, which adjoins the Coleman property.

TO REORGANIZE.

An effort was recently made by some of its members to incorporate the Marine band and maintain one of the best musical organizations in the state, retaining D. C. Rosebrook, their present efficient instructor, but a protest was made against the movement by a member of the band, formerly a member of the old Corvallis Boy's Brass band, claiming that such property as uniforms, drums, old music, etc., belonged to that now defunct organization, and refused to allow the same to be incorporated as property of the band. The property in dispute has been turned over to the parties claiming the authority to take charge of the same, and the present Marine band will be reorganized into a new band this evening. Citizens of Corvallis have shown an interest in the progress they have made and those who contributed to the fund that bought the uniforms will perhaps have something to say in this matter.

Mrs. Buckingham Olds, who has been suffering some time with cancer of the breast, died Wednesday at the residence of her sister, Mrs. S. L. Shedd. Mrs. Olds was the daughter of J. W. Starr, and accompanied him when crossing the plains to Oregon in 1848. Her daughters, Mrs. Ed. Rayburn, of Pendleton, and Mrs. Dr. Pruett, of Portland, were at the bedside during the last hours. After a brief service at the house yesterday morning, the remains were taken to the Bellefontaine cemetery for burial.

Aspirants for office in the democratic party are legion. It is said that within the members of two families the entire democratic ticket can be made up. After nominating J. C. Hunter, sheriff, Ira Hunter, clerk, and John Hunter, recorder, the convention will be a little scarce of material with which to complete the ticket, but then they have the Bryan family whose versatile talents are such that the balance of the ticket even down to justice of the peace, could be easily made up.

Of course it was intended as a secret, it is a secret and shall be kept as a secret. But still we must say that the young lady who favored the departing youth with a lock of her hair, or a lock of some other girl's hair, at church the other night, was offering a premium for young men to forsake Corvallis. But for the wisdom of the young lady in swearing the initiated to secrecy, this matter might have gotten into THE GAZETTE.

A DEMOCRATIC HOODOO.

Markley Returns After an Absence of Months.

J. R. Markley, the Oregon democratic leader, returned to Corvallis last Monday after an absence of several weeks in Washington, whither he went to urge the appointment of certain Markley-Murphy favorites. On reaching the capitol city it is said that he was in fairly good financial circumstances, and put up at the Arlington, one of the best houses in the city. He visited those high in authority each day, but failed to impress upon them the importance of his business, and as time rolled on and as the Oregon appointments were one by one doled out to persons other than those whom he was the ambassador of, he changed his place of abode every few days to one of lesser pretensions and one more in harmony with his fast depleting exchequer, until the last few days he is said to have spent in a very unpretentious boarding house in that part of the city known as Georgetown, where the principal fare is hoeecake and lasses, hot co'n and fresh clams, only six for a nickel. His extended visit, however, did not prove altogether unsuccessful, as one or two land office appointments were secured to persons whose interests he represented, although it is not definitely known that his influence had any weight with the administration in securing them. How he became possessed of the erroneous idea that he could control the democratic patronage of this state, is a mystery. His success in this regard has proven conclusively that he controls a very small portion of it, while his endorsement proves a hoodoo rather than a benefit to those seeking appointments.

Mr. Markley comes back here with the startling information that not a single republican would be elected at the coming election in June. This remarkable intelligence, however, will probably not be taken seriously by the republican party.

There is an old saying "that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," which seems especially true in this instance, and to no one in Oregon has it been proved that this Nebraska grasshopper sufferer has a patent right on all the political information, past, present and future, although he may make such a claim. It is possible that the gods who have control of elections here on earth are in direct communication with Markley and have delegated to him the power of prognosticating the result of elections some months in advance of their occurrence. These deities may prove no more capable of foretelling the result of elections than the weather bureau is in its prognostications of storms, in which event the story told by Markley would be given little credence. The signs of the times indicate that the republicans, especially those on the state and legislative ticket, will have a walk over, although by fusing with the populists the democrats may save something from the wreck. THE GAZETTE is of the opinion that Brother Markley is as much at sea in regard to the result of the June election as he was in supposing he could control the patronage of the state.

The Sunday Oregonian's Washington correspondent says: "Since Markley left for home it has been said by a number of Oregonians left behind that shortly after his arrival here he thrust into the department of justice the batch of endorsements he had in his grip, and made the fight for the marshaling of Alaska, but while he was here another man was named for the place. John Markley is not likely to receive an appointment for anything at the hands of this administration. Somehow they do not want him to have anything. He saw the cabinet officers, and while he was here on one or two occasions he was able to see the president. But he was not able to convince any of them that he ought to be appointed to office. Murphy had the backing of Harry. Nearly every other man in Oregon selected for a place good for anything at all has had to get backing outside the state. It seems that when Cleveland finds a man recommended only by Oregon democrats he gets suspicious of them at once. He wants endorsements from outsiders. Cleveland has had some experience with Oregon democrats, and he wants some men in the East or South to make themselves responsible for them."



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