

Harrison R. Kincaid, the republican nominee for secretary of state, was born in Indiana, eighteen miles northeast of Indianapolis, January 3, 1836. From his eighth to tenth year he traveled with his father and mother on a team, camping out in summer and housing up in winter, through Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky, and returned to Indiana by steamboat from Memphis to Jeffersonville. The remainder of the time up to his seventeenth birthday was spent in working on the farm, plowing, cutting wood, huddling, clearing and performing other hard manual labor, and in attending country schools a very small portion of the time. In 1853, in his thirteenth year, he came with his parents and three sisters and one brother, he being the eldest of the children, to Oregon. He drove an ox team all the way from Indiana to the Willamette valley. They crossed the Mississippi river at Burlington, and the Missouri river at Council Bluffs on a steamboat. There was a stop there where the city of Omaha now stands, and no settlements along the emigrant trail west of the Missouri river until they arrived at Foster's, near Oregon City. In October, 1853, they settled near Eugene, where Mr. Kincaid has resided ever since. He cut and split rails and fenced a part of his father's donation mine, worked at digging in the mill race at S. Springfield, near Eugene, and the harvest field. In the spring of 1855, he went to the mines in Southern Oregon on foot, and worked in the mines on Althouse creek, during that summer. When work in the mines was stopped by the Indians killing a good many miners, he went foot carrying his blankets and cooking utensils, over the Coast mountains to Crescent City, California, and spent the winter there making rails and cutting cord wood in spruce and redwood timber. In the spring of 1856 he went to San Francisco by steamer, and spent nearly two years working in the mines and on ranches in the Sierr Nevada mountains, and the Sacramento valley. He returned to Oregon by steamer from San Francisco to Portland in December, 1857, and arrived home at Eugene by steamboat to Corvallis and on to the remainder of the distance about January 1, 1858. He worked on the farm near Eugene, making fences, getting out sawlogs and hauling them to the river for some time. Then he spent a year or two attending Columbia college at Eugene. Among his classmates were Joaquin Miller, J. Watson, (since judge of the second judicial district, and U. S. district attorney), W. H. Byars (since state senator) and now U. S. surveyor general), J. Walton, J. D. Matlock and others who have since been prominent in public affairs.

In the summer of 1860 he commenced learning to set type in the People's Press office in Eugene, then the leading republican paper of the state, and while its editor, B. J. Pennington, was canvassing the state for Lincoln and Stanton, along with T. J. Sawyer and Dr. Winkler, the three republican nominees for presidential electors, Kincaid, the young printer, wrote nearly all the editorials for the paper during that exciting presidential campaign. In 1861 he made several trips over the Cascade mountains by McKenzie trail with pack animals, crossing snow ten feet deep a distance of ninety miles the first trip, supplying provisions to the miners at Canyon City.

In 1862 and 1863 he worked as printer and editorial writer on the Oregon Republican, and later on the Oregon Crusader, in Eugene. The then-named paper was moved to Salem in April or May, 1863, and consolidated with the Argus from Oregon City. March 12th, 1864, H. R. Kincaid issued the first number of the Oregon State Journal at Eugene, which has continued to edit ever since, now for a period of more than thirty years continuously. It has been remarkable for the candor, independence and fairness and uniform good judgment and fairness of its editorials, expressing decided opinions on important questions as they came up for discussion and decision, from time to time, and never waiting to ascertain what direction public opinion would take or what any other paper or person might say. But every question has been considered upon its merits, from a public standpoint, and personalities and attacks upon individuals, whether in public or private life, have been carefully avoided, so that the editor enjoys the respect and confidence not only of the entire newspaper fraternity of the state, regardless of politics, but of the people of all parties, including those whose opinions and interests he has most strongly opposed. He served as a clerk in the United States senate seven years, terminating in June, 1879, when the democrats gained control of that body and removed the republicans for political reasons and filled their place with democrats. During that time he kept up his paper at Eugene and wrote for it every week correspondence and most of the editorials, as he has done continuously more than thirty years, and also at various times was the regular Washington correspondent of the Oregonian, the Portland Bulletin, the Jacksonville Sentinel, and other papers.

In 1868 he was one of the six delegates from Oregon in the republican national convention at Chicago, that nominated U. S. Grant for president and Schuyler Colfax for vice president, and was also a delegate in the Philadelphia national convention at Philadel-

phia in 1872, when Grant was nominated for president the second time with Henry Wilson for vice president. He has frequently been a delegate in county and state conventions and has taken an active part in the nomination and selection of officers for more than thirty years.

In 1877 when the agitation in favor of remonetizing silver was first started he took sides promptly in favor of silver, and in editorials and in Washington correspondence in his paper vigorously supported silver at a time when the only republican in the senate from Oregon opposed the measure, and when no other paper in Oregon supported it. He has been a firm and consistent supporter of silver money and bimetalism ever since for a period of seventeen years, until now public sentiment, as well as the public welfare, clearly demands it all over the Pacific coast. He took a leading part in opposing through editorials in his paper, the repeal by the legislature of the laws exempting mortgages and exempting indebtedness from the lien of the state, and that it was class legislation, legislation favoring the wealthy at the expense of the laboring, enterprising people, who produce everything of value and frequently borrow and pay interest on all the capital they use, and by the repeal of those laws are now required by law to pay taxes in addition to interest on all their debts. On the other hand he has vigorously opposed in the columns of his paper all schemes to rob people of their capital, whether it be much or little, by class legislation, calculated to confiscate the lands, houses, money, or property of any person, whether it be by the issuance of fiat money, the adoption of a single tax on land, or any other scheme to enable some of the people to live for a time without work on the accumulated savings of others, who have been more industrial, more frugal, or more successful than themselves. And in doing this, he has criticised the public acts and statements of Governor Penoyer as tending to demoralize the American people, and lead to anarchy, poverty and ruin, by destroying all property rights and all incentives to labor and accumulating property, leading down to murder, famine, and savagery.

He has never belonged to any faction or ring, but has always been independent, conservative, consistent and fair, advocating what he believed to be right and for the best interests of the whole people, regardless of who might favor or oppose, or whether it might be popular or unpopular at the time.

While he was clerk in the senate at Washington, he was nominated, without solicitation or desire on his part, by the republican state convention held at Portland in 1870 for state printer. The republicans were in a minority at that time and none of their state candidates were elected, but Mr. Kincaid came nearer being elected than any other candidate on the state ticket, being defeated by a majority of only 493 votes in a total of 22,809. His name has often been suggested by friends for county and state offices, but he always declined to be a candidate. When his name was first suggested for secretary of state by the Salem paper, he published an editorial in his paper at Eugene, saying he was not a candidate for that or any other office. He did not consent to allow his name to be used until many of their favorable expressions had voluntarily appeared in the papers—republican, democratic and populist—and many private letters had been received urging him to be a candidate. The unanimous support of the 163 delegates in the Lane county republican convention was entirely voluntary on their part, not a man in the county having been asked by Mr. Kincaid to support him, and his nomination by the republican state convention was in the same manner the free and undisturbed choice of a majority of the delegates. It was clearly an instance of the office seeking the man. On all questions for improvement in the condition of the people he has been a leader and not a follower of public opinion, which now approves of nearly every position he has ever taken, often against the popular current in the tide, thus vindicating his superior foresight and judgment.

He has always been industrious, temperate, economical, careful, accurate, and prompt in all things. He has performed a vast amount of physical and mental labor, and is capable of doing more hard work now than the average man of his age. Having managed his own business successfully, often under very unfavorable circumstances, he is a safe man to trust with public business, and is peculiarly well qualified to discharge the responsible and important duties of secretary of state, to which office he will surely be elected by a very large vote on the 4th day of next June.

W. H. COTTLE doesn't like Geo. L. Brown, republican nominee for district attorney. Cottle is the manager of the State Insurance Co., and doesn't like Mr. Brown because he failed to get him to assist in defrauding people who had claims against his company. Let Cottle attend to his insurance business, the republicans will elect their state and district officers. The very best reason why Mr. Brown should be elected is because such men as Cottle do not like him.

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As false statements have been circulated throughout the county in regard to a small piece of land which I purchased from the state last November, I beg leave to submit to you the following:

School House, William the Precinct,
Benton Co., Or., May 27th, 1894.

This certifies that the following is a true statement of the transaction between myself and Virgil E. Watters in regard to a certain piece of land, various false reports of which seemed to be circulated in Benton county. I consulted Mr. Watters in regard to the land in question, and he told me it was vacant unless it was included in a certain patent. About a week or so following, I was in Mr. Watter's office, and told him something to the effect that I did not care to bother with it. I did not see Mr. Watters again for some time after he had taken the land. I know of nothing in regard to the transaction that would charge Mr. Watters of unfairness.

A. B. MINTON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1894.

H. L. HOLGATE,
Justice of the Peace.
Corvallis, Or., May 27, 1894.

I was present in the recorder's office when Mr. Minton called to ask about a certain piece of land being vacant, and my recollection about the matter is that as Mr. Minton was leaving the office he told Mr. Waters that he did not think he would have anything to do with it. After Mr. Minton left

after his saying that he did not want
 it, I urged Mr. Watters to take it himself
 and told him that I could secure it for him.
 Mr. Watters decided to leave the matter for
 two weeks, fearing that Mr. Minton might
 change his mind and want it, and then as
 Mr. Minton had made no effort to get it, he
 asked me to secure it for him, which I did.
 There was nothing in the whole transaction
 but was fair, honorable, and above board.

JOHN D. DALY.

I did not intend to pay any attention to
 the misstatements, and should not have
 done so, had not the editor of the Times
 who was wrongly informed in speaking of
 the matter in the last issue thereof, stated
 in substance that I had no land in Benton
 county. As I have purchased, or have
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 while occupying my present position, the
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Yours respectfully,
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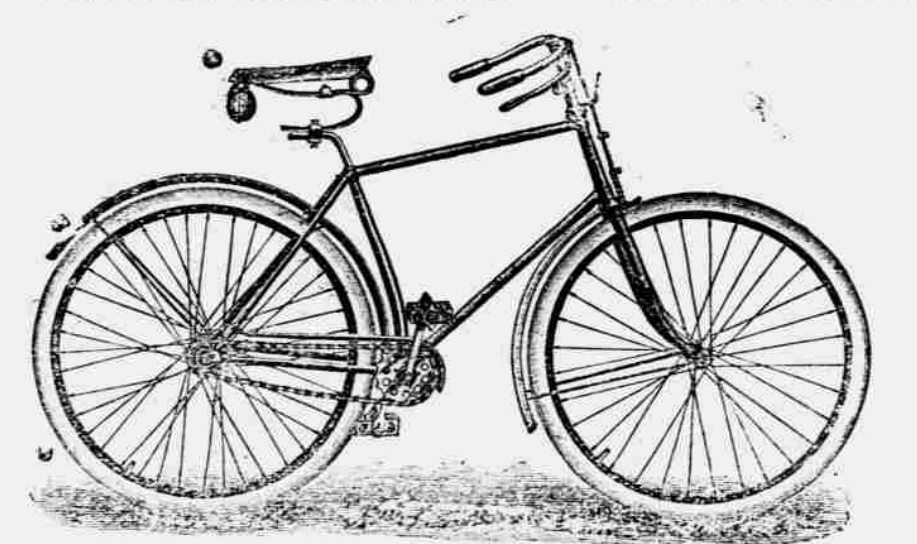
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