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CORVALLIS, OREGON, JAN. 2, 1896.

DON'T BE SHEEP.

Republicans of Benton county, attention! Whose fault is it that the sheriff, clerk, assessor and recorder of this republican county are democrats? It is yours. Why are you so enthusiastic over the prospects for a republican president if you don't believe in republican rule at home? You may say that there is really no politics in the local offices. Directly, perhaps, there is not, but indirectly there is a great deal of politics concerned in the possession of the paying offices of the county. It is manifestly discouraging to the party managers to lose the principal local offices year after year, no matter what majorities the county rolls up for the state and national tickets. The possession, too, of these offices, encourages the opposition. They form the backbone of their organization. They provide, to a great extent, its sinews of war. The officers are in a position to control a number of votes for their party through various means.

Republicans may not consider that there is politics in these offices, but the democrats believe the possession of them to be the most effective kind of politics. The democratic party has been playing the republicans of Benton county for the veriest "suckers," and have been quite successful in their efforts.

There seems to have been in the past a sort of mutual understanding between certain republicans and certain democrats as to what men on the two tickets should be elected. The democrats either were the shrewdest in the conference or else failed to carry out their part of the program, for the paying offices have always gone to the Tiger. Democrats must have laughed in their sleeves over the simplicity of their republican brethren, when they consider that the latter accept uncomplainingly a few petty offices as a magnificent gift from benevolent democracy, and fail to realize that a little effort would have elected every man on the republican ticket without any combinations with the enemy. It is not a very dignified role for the republicans to play.

Of course the great body of republicans are not mixed up with any such maneuvering; but the republican voter plays into the hands of the schemer when, from personal motive, he refuses to vote for his party candidates. This does not mean that a republican should vote for a candidate who is clearly unfit for his office, simply because he is a republican. The party, however, seldom nominates such a man.

It is the duty of the coming republican convention of Benton county to nominate a good, clean ticket that will commend itself to the voters and taxpayers of the county. It will be the duty of every republican to accord that ticket his hearty and active support.

The effort Corvallis is making to have a clean, honest and effective management of its affairs, supported, as it evidently is, by common sentiment throughout the county, augurs well for future good management of county and city affairs. The time has past when party endorsement or personal friendship can place disreputable men in the best offices in the city or county. Let our next convention take warning and read well the handwriting on the wall, "a good clean ticket is an absolute necessity for success."

EMERGENCY bills are bitter pills for the republicans in congress to swallow, but such heroic measures are necessary to cure the country of democratic debility.

SINCE giving the matter more serious consideration the English press is arriving at the conclusion that Venezuela is hardly worth fighting for.

PROMPT, patriotic and effective work is synonymous with republicanism.

DEMOCRACY'S DISLOYALTY.

The democrats in congress are making as unfavorable an impression as a minority as they did when they had control. The revenues of the Wilson bill, proving inadequate to the needs of the government, President Cleveland demanded that congress come to his relief with some legislation that would provide the necessary money. The republicans in the lower house framed and passed a bill to meet the president's approval, not a protection bill, but a tariff-for-revenue act, and one that, with a few exceptions, simply uniformly increased the duties of the Wilson bill fifteen percent. The democratic congressmen perfectly understood that the revenues were deficient. They knew that the present bill was in line with their own legislation, and yet, to a man they voted against its passage. Such actions tend to instill in the public mind the idea that democratic mismanagement was not due to incompetency merely.

The bill as introduced and passed was naturally distasteful to the republicans. It was not at all in accord with their tariff ideas; but the financial condition of the country demanded an immediate increase in the revenue, so the republicans disregarded their own preferences and party traditions, and passed a bill that must meet with Cleveland's approval. The act was in principle a democratic measure, and the republican party in passing it greatly humiliated itself for the country's good.

The democratic party, through its representatives in the lower house, has placed itself on record as refusing to come to the nation's rescue, even at the call of a democratic president and when all that was demanded of it was the voting for a measure that accords with its party teachings and party legislation.

THE country should remember that relief bills are only temporary democratic evils; they are not in accord with the fixed policy of republicans.

ACCORDING to reports several members of the A. P. A. think they overleaped themselves and caught a tartar when they got Bro. Powell to lecture for them.

DEMOCRACY has failed to come to the nation's rescue in time of need.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Pres. Bloss is visiting in Seattle this week. Profs. Letcher and Craig are making us a short visit.

The board of regents will have a meeting some time in January. The moot house of representatives meets next Friday evening, Jan. 3rd.

Three hundred and sixty-three students are registered at the college already. New students will be registered next term.

A few improvements are being made in the O. A. C. gymnasium. A striking bag and chest weights are being put in.

Everything is very quiet about the college during the holidays. No one seems to be stirring, except our postman, Marion Johnson.

Two of our students, Geo. Getty and Woodson Patterson, have been ill at Outhorn hall, but they were recovering at last report.

Miss Elsie Long, class '96, recently completed one of the best schools taught in Linn county. She is now visiting her parents in this city.

Profs. Emmett and Fulton have returned from their trip to California. Sad to relate, they failed to effect an entrance into the golden gate and were compelled to return.

Miss Nellie Hogue, class '95, O. A. C., has been teaching several terms of school near Albany; and it looks as though she will remain in that school work as long as she desires.

Many kind words are spoken of the success of Miss Hortense Grefroz as teacher of the Monroe school. Miss Grefroz is one of the best educated ladies in the county; and it is our prediction that she will always succeed wherever she may go.

Miss Lulu C. Thornton, class '95, O. A. C., completed on last Friday one of the most successful schools in the county. The Newton school district has long been reputed for good schools, and Miss Thornton has sustained the reputation of a superior teacher.

Among the O. A. C. graduates abroad, is Miss Lois Stuart who is teaching in Union county. Miss Stuart is one of those ladies who teach as long in one school as she desires.

Mr. Austin T. Buxton, class '95, O. A. C., is pursuing the vocation of an agriculturist near Forest Grove where he has one of the largest and best equipped farms in Yamhill county.

The South Bend school under the management of Miss Dorothea Nash is prospering this winter with an unusual degree of success. Miss Nash is a highly cultured young lady; in addition to her regular college course of studies, she has several accomplishments such as vocal and instrumental music, painting, drawing, etc., that add very materially to her usefulness as a teacher. Miss Nash is a very worthy young lady, and we predict for her continued success as a teacher.

Mrs. L. Wilson entertained a few friends last evening at her home on College Hill.

Washington News.

(Special to GAZETTE.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.

Thos. Brackett Reed, speaker of the house and candidate for president of the United States, is evidently not looking with a coquettish eye toward the votes the Pacific coast will have in the republican national convention. When the committees were arranged a hail of indignation went up from the coast congressmen, the echoes of which will not die away for many months. Not a Pacific coast member can be found on the great committees on appropriations, ways and means, rules, banking and currency, coinage, weights and measures, military affairs, mines and mining, or agriculture.

The treatment of Mr. Hermann in particular has caused great indignation. If ranked counted for anything, if experience and service counted for anything, he should have been appointed chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors. He has served on the committee six years and was the ranking republican member. He represents a state with hundreds of miles of sea-coast, and many splendid rivers; his appointment was requested in writing by all the senators and congressmen from five western states, and notwithstanding all this, Mr. Reed appointed over his head young Mr. Hooker, of New York, who is just beginning his second term and represents a district with one lake harbor in it. It is much to be feared that his presidential aspirations have spoiled Mr. Reed. But one important chairmanship has been given to the Pacific and adjoining states, while all three of his colleagues from Maine have been given important committees; and the appointment of Mr. Hooker is regarded as part of the price Mr. Reed is paying for the expected support of New York. Mr. Hermann still retains his old rank on rivers and harbors; the sole representative of Pacific coast interests.

In the senate the coast, in Oregon particularly, has been more fortunate. This is largely due to the fact Senator Mitchell was elected chairman of the committee of nine appointed by the republican side to reorganize the committees. This put him in a position which, without absolute power, was analogous to that of the speaker of the house so far as the committees are concerned. As ranking republican member, he had the choice of any of three important chairmanships: Privileges and elections, postoffices and post roads and claims. He was also entitled to a place on the committee on foreign relations. He relinquished the latter to Mr. Cullom and was thereby enabled to secure a place for Senator McBride on the commerce committee, which in the senate has control of all river and harbor improvements, and to otherwise secure for Mr. McBride the strongest committee assignments ever given a new senator, including chairmanship of transportation routes to seaboard, and places on committee on public lands, coast defenses, Indian depredations, and select committee on international exhibitions. Senator Mitchell is chairman of privileges and elections, which by reason of the fact that it has jurisdiction of all questions relating not only to the seats of senators, but all questions affecting the election of senators in the various states, is second to none in the senate. He also has a leading place on the committee on rules—which manages things in the senate—postoffices and post roads, claims and judiciary. He also had a new special committee formed on construction of the Nicaragua canal. Senator Morgan (dem.), a strong friend of the canal, will be chairman. It will have a republican majority of friends of the canal consisting of Mr. Mitchell, Squire, of Washington; Hawley, of Connecticut and Sewell, of New Jersey. It can be seen therefore that Oregon is represented on every committee that relates to her interests.

F. A. PELTRET.

Coffee Club Entertains.

Around at the fireman's hall Monday night the Ladies Coffee Club entertained friends to the number of about one hundred. Their affairs have always been looked forward to with delight as they are such royal entertainers, and their well-earned reputation in this regard by no means suffered Monday evening. At an early hour the guests began to assemble, and by nine o'clock the whist games were in full blast. Mr. Robert Johnson and Mrs. J. R. Bryson won the prizes. Refreshments, such as only the Coffee Club ladies can conjure up, were served at 11 o'clock, and after an hour spent in social converse the guests departed for their respective homes.

A VOICE FROM '45.

The following extracts from two letters written in 1845 by John Watt to his son Joseph Watt, who came to Oregon in the spring of '44, will prove interesting. The writer moved with his family to this country in 1848. It seems that a "war scare" with England, was then agitating the press and people.

SULLIVAN Co., Mo.,
April 28, 1845.

DEAR SON:—
After an absence from us of one year, without hearing from you, and without any trace of you, only that we knew that you were westward on your way to Oregon, we have all sorts of conjectures about you, whether anything extraordinary has happened to you or not. But one thing we are certain of: That you have the same kind Providence to protect you that we have here. * * * James brought on a quantity of leather and half a dozen of brass mantle clocks. He left the leather in Brunswick to exchange for hides, and the clocks I bought at five dollars apiece to be paid in hides. I have sold one for a horse and got a yearling heifer and a pig to boot. Sold one for two cows, and we have one running.

The other three are partly traded for cows; two were for a clock, and if we go to Oregon next spring we will have cows enough without buying any, except a few of the best stock in the state, which I will have if I go. It appears that cattle raising is an object there and worthy of attention, and the better the stock the better the price. * * *

Mr. Gilpin, who went out in '43, returned in '44, and was clerk for the lower house of the legislature last winter. He gives that country a great name, and I think the government will settle that business with the British government, and pass some law favorable to emigrants. A bill passed the lower house, directing the president to give the British government notice of the dissolution of the joint occupancy, which will or would terminate in one year from the time the notice was given. The bill was sent to the senate and there stopped. The reason was that there was a special minister sent to negotiate and settle the question respecting the territory of Oregon. Calhoun being secretary of state at that time—about the last of February—and his term of office about to expire, the matter was delayed, and now at this time the secretary of state is Jas. Buchanan, of Pennsylvania, as anything and firm a man as there is in the cabinet. And whether anything is done by legislation or not, I can't say. However, when next congress meets, there will be something done. I cannot give you the names of all the cabinet officers at this time, as I have no correct data to go by. The bill to annex Texas has passed, and now it only remains with the people of the lone star state to say whether they will be added to the United States or not. There were two new states admitted to the Confederacy at the last session of congress. They were Iowa and Florida, making the number at this time, twenty-eight. I hope to live to see Oregon sending her senators and representatives to Washington. I have the president's inaugural address, which was an able document. Jas. K. Polk and Geo. M. Dallas were elected by a majority of something like sixty-two electoral votes, and by a larger popular vote than Harrison's was in 1840. We elect two members out of each senatorial district to frame a new constitution. There is great room for altering and amending both constitution and laws.

Times are getting better in Missouri. Pork was \$1.50 at Brunswick last fall, and it was from \$1.75 to \$2.75 on the Mississippi at Hannibal, and bacon is worth from four to five cents at Brunswick now. Mules are becoming worthy of attention; a good mule is worth \$40 to \$60, cash upon the spot. A drove of steers was brought into this county this spring, but the price was very low; good three-year-olds bringing \$6, and four-year-olds from \$7 to \$9. I think we could make a very good living here, but if that country is as good as it is represented to be, we would do better there, if we all got there safe, but it is a long and dangerous journey and a very laborious trip for a family like ours. If they were all boys it would be a great deal easier upon myself and your mother. I thought you would send a letter by water to New Barryport, Mass., and have it mailed there as Burns did, but now I think you did not get there before the vessel sailed."

Mr. Watt did not live to see Oregon admitted as a state, he died three years previous to that event.

"It is sometimes since I had an opportunity of writing to you, but as it is about the time that the emigrants for Oregon collect at Independence, I now inform you that we are well."

"Mr. C. is at his son-in-law's house" He is a Mormon, and has told us all about the Mormon faith. It is the most detestable and wicked fixture for religion that ever was invented by man or devil. I think old Mr. C. is out of his head on the subject of religion. The Mormons are one way from Navajo to the Pacific ocean to commence a new settlement there. There are about 5,000 wagons started and to start this spring, and some of them intend making a camp this side of the mountains this year and then journey on to the promised land. Joseph Smith was killed last summer in Illinois, by the guard that the sheriff had placed over him and the jail. The guard shot and killed both him and his brother.

"We have had the newspapers full of war with England about Oregon, and we now hear that the matter is settled by negotiation to the satisfaction of both parties, but we have no authorized account as to how the matter stands between the two nations as yet. The president has given the crown notice of the dissolution of the occupancy of the territory of Oregon, within one year from the date of the notice. We have new arrangements respecting the postoffice laws. Members of congress have no right now to frank public documents from Washington, and we are all in the dark about the affairs of government. Sterling Price, of Missouri, is congressman from this district. Texas has been admitted into the Union, and is now one of the United States. When the people of that state voted on the constitution and their being annexed, the vote was almost 100 to 1 in the affirmative."

ATTENTION.

All persons afflicted with warts will do well to call on Dr. J. B. Piero, who has had forty years experience in the business and who will guarantee all of his cures to never fail. I therefore say "No cure, no pay." For particulars, address J. B. Piero, Alsea Valley, Benton county, Oregon. Enclose stamp for reply.

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J. A. STERLING,
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Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Patrick Gillooly, deceased, has filed his final account of his administration of said estate with the County Clerk of Benton county, Oregon; that the County Court of said County by order has fixed the 7th day of Feb., 1896, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day to hear any and all objections to said final account.

Dated this 23rd day of Dec., 1895.

HORACE UNDERHILL,
Administrator of the estate of Patrick Gillooly, deceased.

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Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of W. H. H. Rich, deceased, late of Lincoln county, Oregon. All persons having claims against said deceased are notified to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, or to Elkins & Cannon, attorneys, at their office in Albany, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated at Corvallis, Or., Dec. 16, 1895.

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