

AFFIRMATION.

The Gazette stands for: The protective tariff. The single gold standard. Retirement of the bond-bearing, credit-threatening demand notes of our government.

"REMEMBER THE MAINE."

The awful tragedy in Havana harbor involving the destruction of the Maine and the death of more than two hundred of her sailors, will be ever present in the minds of those who fight for the stars and stripes in the conflict with Spain.

This is not a war for revenge. We are not slaying the Spaniards because Spaniards slew our sailors, nor is it this republic's motive to revenge the thousands of Cubans slain by the sword or by hunger.

PLAIN TALK.

"George W. McBride, the little mousing man who smuggled himself into the United States senate, undertook afterward a plan which included the return of J. H. Mitchell to the senate, and then re-election of himself.

Thus spake the Oregonian last Monday. The Oregonian, of course, has no interest in men, but is concerned with principles only.

That glorious journalistic exponent of republican ideas and republican concord, has also been praising the president. It said recently: "The course of the administration has been such as to thwart the high-minded and deliberate determination of the American people that Cuba shall be free.

If Senator McBride does not please the Oregonian, Senator McBride must be retired. That is a matter of course. The money question is not a real test of a man's republicanism.

Republicans, for name only, may accept such republicanism. Other republicans, honest but "afraid of a fuss," may endorse such doctrine by supporting candidates who endorse it, for the supposed good of the party.

it wears a republican veneering. The Oregonian sneers at the entire Oregon delegation in congress. There have been three very important matters considered by congress since Tongue and Ellis were elected the last time—the Dingley tariff bill, the Teller silver resolution and the Cuban question.

Wherein can a republican criticize the actions of any member of the Oregon delegation? Criticize his official acts and you condemn the republican administration and the national republican platform of 1896.

The GAZETTE is a republican newspaper. It endorses the national republican platform as interpreted by the McKinley administration; it approves of the McKinley administration and applauds the Oregon delegation in standing upon the republican platform and in supporting the policy of the administration.

This paper has demanded, for the party's welfare, that Senator Mitchell retire from the field, because his candidacy meant discord. But it also insists that Corbettism is mere conducive to party disturbance than Mitchellism, and any man with a grain of practical political sense knows that Corbettism is attempting to control the next legislature.

Loyalty to the republican party does not include the necessity of misrepresenting or abusing candidates on the opposing ticket. Nor does such misrepresentations and abuse make for the party's success.

It should be a matter of self-congratulation as citizens of Oregon to our union friends that the republicans of Oregon have nominated for governor of the state a man of such splendid character as T. T. Geer. And it is equally pleasant for a republican to testify to the personal force, ability and integrity of Will R. Kincaid, the union candidate.

As regards the secretary of state, the farmers of Oregon and the people of Benton county regardless of party, have a reasonable and serious objection to H. R. Kincaid, the union candidate. As secretary of state, he is ex-officio regent of the Oregon Agricultural college, and the responsibility for the institution's good management rests as much upon him as upon any other member of the board.

The amount Mr. Kincaid receives each year as secretary of state, in salary and fees, is said to be over \$20,000, and it is not unreasonable to expect that an officer receiving such a handsome remuneration for his services would do his whole duty. Nor is it unreasonable to ask for his retirement when he fails to do his duty.

Mr. Kincaid has no claims on any party for support. It was announced for him a few months ago in the Salem Journal, a union organ, that he would accept the nomination from no party but the republican. Finding that the republicans meant to repudiate him, he planned to capture the union nomination, and by a show of imaginary strength, secured it. What party duty could be urged upon any man as a reason for his voting for Mr. Kincaid?

Mr. Dunbar is a practical unpretentious business man, who will attend to his full duty and who will feel an interest in and look out for the welfare of all the state's institutions. Benton county will give him a large majority, because Benton county is deeply concerned in the progress and usefulness of the Oregon Agricultural college.

REMOVE THE UNCERTAINTY.

The value of the Oregon experiment station has been fully established. The wisdom of the general government in establishing these aids to agriculture has been so completely demonstrated by the official experimenters of Oregon that the voice of any serious critic is heard no more.

The experiments cannot be concluded in a day. The investigation along some lines requires years of observation and work. And if the station reaches the highest point of usefulness, it is necessary that the practical scientists in charge of the various departments can lay out their work with the view of finishing it. Everyone will understand the waste and difficulty of one man carrying on scientific experiments begun by another.

Under the present arrangement the college professor and heads of station departments are engaged only from year to year. The various departments are conducted by trained and thoroughly competent scientists, but it is impossible to believe that they can give the work their best attention, knowing as they do that their certain tenure is for one year only, and that the caprice of seven men or political changes in the state government may terminate their relation with the college and station at the end of nine months.

If the friends of the institution will seriously consider this matter and offer their suggestions, they will no doubt find listeners and active sympathizers in the present board of regents and in the legislature.

MONROE ITEMS.

M. C. Starr has returned from Salem.

Mrs. Sarah Howard purchased a new buggy last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mansfield left for Port Angeles, Wash., this week, in which place they intend to locate.

It is expected that the drama to be given at Dusty this evening will be repeated in Monroe tomorrow (Saturday) evening in Wilhelm's hall.

The school picnic to be held here next month promises to be an interesting affair, as an energetic set of workers are behind the movement.

Albert Nelson was busy at work Sunday on his ranch west of town. As he labors all the week in the store, his only time to attend to these little matters is on Sunday.

Our post-barber—politician—schoolmaster has been, after much persuasion, enticed to teach school in the Brown district another term. The barber shop is open Wednesday evenings and Saturdays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Looney were in Corvallis Monday purchasing furniture etc., to be used in fitting up the Ferguson residence. They expect to move the hotel outfit to that place on the first of next month and remain in business there.

The political debate did not come to a proper focus on Friday night. From some unaccountable reason the republican debaters were a minus quality. Since the question was stated "Resolved that in the best interests of the people of the U. S. we should uphold the financial policy of the present administration," it would seem that the republicans of this portion of the county did not uphold the present administration in its financial ideas.

(The correspondent is a poor guesser. The republicans of South Benton are thoroughly in accord with the administration on every proposition. It is very possible that the republican debaters are more interested in the war than in politics.—Editor.)

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DUSTY.

The Methodist campmeeting will be held the last week in May.

Revival meetings will commence at Simpson chapel on the 22nd of May.

On Friday night, May 6th, the Demorest contest will be held at Simpton's chapel.

Revival services commenced here on Saturday evening by Rev. and Mrs. McElroy.

There will be a union Sunday School picnic at the Bellefontaine campground on May 7th. All schools are invited.

Last Saturday night Mr. Martin, of Corvallis, organized a lodge of the Fraternal Union of America, with fifteen members.

On Saturday night at Wilhelm's hall in Monroe there will be given an entertainment consisting of recitations, tableaux, music and the drama "Down in Dixie." Remember this will be Saturday evening the 30th.

SAMANTHA.

Dreadfully Nervous.

GENTS—I was dreadfully nervous and for relief took your Karl's Clover Root Tea. It quieted my nerves and strengthened my whole nervous system. I was troubled with Constipation, Kidney and Bowel trouble. Your Tea soon cleansed my system so thoroughly that I rapidly regained health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by Graham & Wells.

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A FORTUNE IN SIGHT.

A Former Corvallisite the President of a Promising Idaho Mining Company.

Nearly all old residents of Benton county remember A. C. Sweet or "Gu." Sweet as he is better known. The family lived here in early days, and Gus was raised in this vicinity and among his former schoolmates are Wm. Knotts, Mrs. E. Woodward and many others. He studied law with Judge Chenoweth, and was admitted to practice, going to Idaho soon after.

Those who have paid any attention to mining discoveries in the Northwest, have heard of the Gold Bug in the Elk City mining district, Idaho. Mr. Sweet himself discovered this mine, and his sample ores he carries, proves that the newspaper accounts of the richness of his find have not been exaggerations.

This mine and four other fine claims are now owned by the Mastodon Mining & Milling Company of Idaho. Mr. Sweet is president, A. H. Alford, present speaker of the Idaho house of representatives, vice president, A. R. Sweet, a prominent business man, secretary, and J. W. Poe, city clerk of Lewiston, treasurer. The company has expended thousands of dollars in investigating and developing their mines and has immense quantities of rich ore ready to be milled.

Judge John Burnett has interested himself in this company and Mr. Sweet came up from Portland to see him. Bruce Burnett is now in Portland studying assaying under J. H. Fisk, and will accompany Mr. Sweet when he returns to Lewiston. Bruce will go direct to the mines.

The stockholders do not wish to sell any of their claims and will sell only stock enough to erect a fine stamp mill and pay present operating expenses. After the mill is erected it will grind out gold to pay expenses and profits. The capitalization is \$2,000,000—two million shares, non-assessable at \$1 each.

The laws of Idaho are very strict regarding mining corporations and the legislature has taken every known precaution to prevent fraudulent companies from swindling money stock buyers. The Mastodon company has more than fulfilled all the law requirements and is officiated by responsible and reputable citizens of Idaho.

The prospects for Mr. Sweet becoming a millionaire are very good. His mining property has the advantage of possessing an enormous ledge 50 feet wide, of rich ore, well situated, and the company owns valuable water rights. He does not expect to make a fortune in a day, but is certain that under good management such promising property will pay heavy dividends.

Mr. Sweet will be in Corvallis for a few days and no doubt will be kept busy showing the gold rock and imparting information to those interested in mines and mining investments.

PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

Uncle Abe and Thomas Jones visited in Linn county last week.

The W. C. T. U. met at Mrs. Broomfield's, Thursday, at 3 p. m.

Boyd Cannady is in Yamhill county visiting a sick brother-in-law.

The Misses Lilly and Lottie Halbert, of Linn county, were in the city over Sunday.

Rev. Kelly, of Corvallis, preached at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon; subject, "Temperance."

Aunt Huldah Brown, and Sherman Hunt and family from Corvallis have moved into the city.

Bert Boles and Arthur Ditmar have each purchased a '98 Waverly of Guy Frink, agent at this place.

ALSEA BUDGET.

Mrs. Sadie Longbottom is home from an extended visit in Portland.

R. J. Moses, of Tangent, was in the Valley last week looking after business.

H. Wilson, who has been attending school at Sodaville, is at home again.

N. W. Wren is in the Valley again, after spending the winter in southern Oregon.

Virgil Vidito was in Portland last week spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Murry.

Miss Margy Tharp has been engaged to teach the school in the Green Peak district, which opens next Monday.

Willis Vidito has secured the contract for carrying the mail from Alsea to the head of tidewater. He has been in the government employ as mail carrier for the past sixteen years.

A sea gull cried to her mate, "Oh, whence is the white sea foam?" The mate in reply just winked the other eye.

And said to the mistress of his home, "It comes from the slavers of mankind, and particularly from Spencer, the price; It is the latter that's left when of whiskers man's beard."

And that gull's asked no question since.

Ladies, Take the Best. If you are troubled with constipation, Sallow Skin, and a Tired Feeling, take Karl's Clover Tea, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Graham & Wells.

Institute of Benton County. TO BE HELD IN CHURCH AT Wells, Oregon, May 6, 1898. PROGRAM Friday, 7:30 p. m. Instrumental music, Recitation, Instrumental music, Recitation, Instrumental music, Recitation, Instrumental music, Recitation, Address: Dr. E. J. Thompson.

FAIRMOUNT NEWS. Uncle Sam is getting ready to thresh the Spaniards and may it be a speedy job. Mr. Warner came near losing his house 10 long ago as the roof burned off it. No particulars. Spring is here, birds, blossoms and newly turned ground to be seen, gardens are made and all is sweet and nice.

A Clever Trick. It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has lame back and weak kidneys, malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the liver and kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures constipation, headache, fainting spells, sleeplessness and melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced. Only 50c a bottle at Graham & Wells' drugstore.

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Ladies Shoes. LADIES who wish to save from one to two dollars on a pair of fine Shoes can do it at KLINE'S. All lines that will not be renewed for Spring will be sold at the above allowance. All the best makes of goods included in the lot, and must be sold. S. L. KLINE, The Regulator of Low Prices.

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Cure that Cough with Shiloh's Cure. The best Cough Cure. Relieves Croup promptly. One million bottles sold last year. 40 doses for 25 cts. Sold by Graham & Wells. M. L. Youcum, Cameron, Pa., says, "I was a sufferer for ten years, trying most all kinds of pile remedies, but without success. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me. I used one box. It has effected a permanent cure. As a permanent cure for piles DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has no equal. Graham & Wells."