

Eugene City Guard.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

THE TWO LANDSLIDES.

Albany Democrat: The Democratic defeat in the country on Tuesday is not unprecedented. It is closely paralleled by the great landslide against the Republicans in the second year of President Harrison's term.

In the fifty first Congress the Republicans had a working majority in the House. In the election of 1890 this was converted into a Democratic majority of about one hundred and fifty. As far as the new tariff was involved in the elections the condemnation of the McKinley law was far more emphatic than is the disapproval of the Democratic measure.

The reversal of the state elections was quite as general in 1890 if not so pronounced, as it has been this year. Pennsylvania, the rock-ribbed Republican state, which gave Harrison 70,000 majority in 1888, elected a Democratic governor by 16,000 in 1890. Illinois which gave Harrison a majority of 22,000, elected a Democratic treasurer by 10,000 in 1890. Massachusetts which had been Republican with only two exceptions for thirty years, and which gave Harrison a majority of 32,000, elected a Democratic governor two years later by 9,000 majority. Michigan, Nebraska, Oregon and Wisconsin, all Republican states, went with the avalanche for the Democrats in the middle of Harrison's term.

If Wilson, the champion of Democratic reform in the House, is defeated this year, was not McKinley beaten in 1890?

A political reverse in the middle of the administrative term has been the rule in our history. No President since the end of the war and reconstruction period has carried a party majority in Congress through his term.

There is discipline in the Democratic defeat, but it is neither unprecedented nor final. The Republicans have rope enough to hang themselves, and their record indicates that they will do it before 1896.

Diversified farming is what pays. Raising wheat will break up any country or section on earth.

Thousands of acres of land will be planted to prunes in the Willamette valley in the spring.

With free and unlimited coinage of silver, bond issues would not be necessary. Of course the Oregonian believes "that debt is an evidence of prosperity," and therefore sustains every bond issue.

Cheap food is not of necessity an unmitigated public blessing, despite the clamor of the Eastern press for a reduction in the prices of bread. Looked at from the Oregon wheat-grower's point of view, flour is too cheap now. Cheap human labor is always more or less of a misfortune, and the farmer is forced by a reduction in the price of breadstuffs to toil for compensation ruinous to his prosperity and inconsistent with the wages of the city consumers of his products. Living prices are the best policy for all concerned.

A Portland correspondent writes: Rev. Geo. Wallace, who gained so much unenviable notoriety in his criticisms of Mrs. Potter and Mr. Bellow, has entered upon a crusade against vices in this city. He is seemingly inspired to imitate Dr. Parkhurst, without being a Parkhurst. Last week he preached against the social evil, and said there were 2500 fallen women in the city. As that is fully one-eighth of all the women, his figures are scarcely complimentary to the chastity of the women of Portland. They need revising. His sermon this week was on gambling and he had been in person to visit the gambling rooms, so he knew all about it. He found four white and as many Chinese places running. He is after the police. So is the committee of 100 hundred. We shall see what they accomplish besides making charges of corruption.

SHE GETS FIVE CENTS.

Mrs. Friedlander's Verdict Against Olds & King. PORTLAND, Nov. 13.—The jury in the damage case of Friedlander vs. Olds & King brought in a verdict of five cents for the plaintiff.

Mrs. Friedlander is the wife of the manager of the Marquam Grand opera house at Portland and is well off. Last summer she was hurt in the Olds & King store by a parcel basket falling upon her. She claimed to have been seriously injured and brought suit against the proprietors of the store for \$15,000 damages with this result. The trial has been a long and expensive one, involving the plaintiff in much annoyance and ridicule.

Gave No Cause for the Hash Act. BEEBE, Ark., Nov. 13.—The wife of T. K. Breckinridge got up yesterday morning, took a bunch of newspapers, set them on fire, and walking out into the back yard, deliberately set her clothing on fire and burned herself to death. She gave no reason for her rash act. The family had recently come to Arkansas from Travis county, Texas.

Conferring About the Bonds. NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Assistant Secretary W. E. Curtis has been in conference today with President John A. Stewart, of the United States Trust Company, probably on the new loan; but neither will give any information in relation to the matter.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—There is no longer any doubt that the issue of bonds has been decided upon. A circular asking bids will be issued the present week, probably tonight. It is fully realized the gold reserve could be easily wiped out by a few heavy shipments, and it is thought to be the part of wisdom to not wait until the gold in the treasury is practically exhausted before making an effort to recoup it. Wednesday last Carlisle, after several consultations with the president, wrote President Stewart, of the United States Trust Company, of New York, reciting the law as to the issue of bonds, and asking his opinion as to which class of bond could be placed at this time to the greatest advantage to the government. The result was the president and Mr. Carlisle decided to make the forthcoming issue the same in amount and in rate, and in nearly all other important particulars as the February issue. The circular is being prepared.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Secretary Carlisle laid this afternoon his call for bids for \$50,000,000 5 per cent. 10-year bonds, interest to be paid in coin, which is interpreted to mean gold.

Money Loan Portland. PORTLAND, Nov. 13.—The United States Trust Company, of New York, left the river this morning for Puget Sound.

General Clay Got Married. LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 13.—General Cassius M. Clay this morning, despite the efforts of his children, succeeded in marrying pretty 15-year-old Dora Richardson.

A Japanese Woman Strangled. DENVER, Nov. 13.—Kiku Oyama, a Japanese girl of ill-repute, was strangled to death early this morning in a house on Market street, in the same manner as Lena Trapper and Marie Contassolt were recently murdered in the same neighborhood. She apparently had been robbed. There is no clue to the stranger, and excitement among the women of that class is very great.

The A. P. Lodge Attacked. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—A party of about 60 persons, representing various lodges of the A. P. A., were attacked by a crowd at Vallejo, about midnight Monday, while on their way to a tug to return to this city. The party reached the tug when the assault was recommenced, stones and other missiles being thrown. As the tug moved away revolvers were fired and the bullets flew thick and fast, until the tug was out of range, but fortunately no one was hurt.

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DEFAMERS FULLY ANSWERED.

And Charges Against the American Book Company Brushed Aside.

(Corvallis Gazette, Nov. 2.)

The defamers of the American Book company have been answered. The company's reply is a plain straightfor- ward statement of facts concerning the company's business career from its inception to date. There is no attempt to shield anything. The details of the enterprise are an open book for the inspection of the public. Compared with the defamatory and falsehood-laden document prepared by the attorney for rival publishing houses, the reply of the American Book company is a dignified statement that will appeal to the honesty and better judgment of every person who takes the trouble to carefully peruse it. Every one of the flagrant insinuations charges is replied to in the same frank and open manner that characterizes the document throughout. No one can read it without feeling that the book company is right and has pursued the proper course in laying the matter before the public in a plain, business-like manner. Knowing that the company has made a voluntary reduction of twenty per cent. in the price of books furnished the school patrons of Oregon, it is bound to receive just and generous treatment at their hands.

Those at all familiar with the company's methods during the past two years, appreciate what has been done for the school patrons of Oregon, and fully understand from whence the recent personal attacks emanate, and also what motives prompt them. So far as the company's defamers are personally concerned, there is no need for a reply; but to the thousands of good people who are liable to be misled by the sensational newspaper reports, the company's answer is especially addressed.

Looking at the situation from a disinterested standpoint, one can plainly see that this fight was not made by the people of the state, nor was it instituted in their behalf. It is the result of underhanded business methods employed by rival publishing houses, rival in open competition for business. In itself would not be so bad, but they have secured willing allies in some of the leading mercantile enterprises out of the state in order that they might be able to bring to bear