

FUSION SHERIFFS.

The Fusionists have the sheriffs in nearly all the valley counties. In Marion, Frank Durbin, in Linn J A Munkers, in Lane, W W Withers, in Douglas, R L Stephens, in Clackamas, J J Cooke. Over on the coast, in Coos, they also have W W Gage a Populist. Even in Columbia county where everything most went for the Hanna gold standard, J N Rice, the Populist was elected sheriff. And in the arm college county of Benton they gave both sheriff and clerk to Fusionists, former Democrats, Peter Rickard and Virgil E Waters.

But to cap the climax the Republicans turned down the man who did perhaps more than any man in Oregon to effect the election of President McKinley. That is James W Hare, Republican candidate for sheriff of Clatsop county. They elected J W Williams, a Peoples, Democratic, Silver Republican in place of Hare, who did so much for McKinley. Hare is well known to have carried every county bordering on the Columbia river for the Hanna presidential ticket by large majorities. He increased the vote of every county along the river in a manner that was amazing. Even in the little county of Columbia the presidential vote of 1896 was 700 greater than the state election vote of the same year, and Jimmy Hare would wink one eye and say, "didn't I tell you the river counties would be all right?"

TERRITORIAL EXPANSION.

The words of warning from Wm J Bryan against a permanent occupation of the Philippines are timely and should command earnest attention. He says:

"To inflict upon the enemy all possible harm is legitimate warfare, but shall we contemplate a scheme for the colonization of the Orient merely because our fleet won a remarkable victory in the harbor of Manila? Our guns destroyed the Spanish fleet, but can they destroy that self-evident truth, that governments derive their just powers, not from superior force, but from the consent of the governed? Shall we abandon a just resistance to European encroachment upon the western hemisphere in order to mingle in the controversies of Europe and Asia?"

"If some dream of the splendor of a heterogeneous empire encircling the globe, we shall be content to aid in bringing enduring happiness to a homogenous people consecrated to the purpose of maintaining a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

BRYAN GROWS STRONGER.

The New York World which opposed Bryan in 1896 has the following to say now of the great silver champion:

"Mr Bryan, perhaps better than any other democrat, is fitted to lead in the new revolt against republican faithlessness and failure.

"He has it in him to become a national Henry George, giving eloquent expression to what is slumbering in the minds of the masses. This, and this alone, can elect him president in 1900.

"His hold upon the democratic party in the nation is stronger than ever.

"The democrats who elected Mr McKinley on the issue of national honor and sound money have been afforded no reason for satisfaction with their choice of evils.

"The so called 'national democratic' movement is ended. The World never sympathized with nor supported it.

"The Indianapolis platform was constructed under plutocratic influences. It evaded the democratic issue against the trust and monopolies and their control of politics."

THE DAISY IN THE SOUTH.

Here is a curious story pertaining to the growth of the daisy in

the South. It seems that it was unknown in Dixie land before the Civil War. The army of the North is responsible for planting "the flower that never dies." Every part of the South visited by the Union army is covered with daisies. An ex-Confederate officer says that General Sherman unconsciously introduced the pretty field flower. "Sherman's famous march to the sea" can be followed in the summer time by keeping where the daisies grow. The seeds seem to have been transported in the hay that was brought along to feed the horses. This is the only explanation of the daisy colony. Think of the meadow flowers accompanying Uncle Sam's soldiers, and then making the South their home. That Sherman daisy path is the floral bond between North and South, and the true national flower—the flower of the Union—is the American daisy.

ELECTION NOTES.

Some Results of the Oregon Contest as Noted by the Salem Journal.

Arthur Hodges, county clerk of Crook county, is the only National Democrat elected in the state.

Douglas county, which has for years been in the entire control of the Republicans, is now in the hands of the fusionists.

Down in Coos county they took a vote on the question of allowing hogs to run at large. The vote stood 438 for hogs running at large and 1210 against. The canvassing board of Coos county were also particular to state in their returns that in that county 35 votes only voted the state ticket.

Linn county decided two important questions on the day of election besides the question of officers. Each voter was asked to vote "for or against remodeling the court house." The vote stood 1719 for and 1509 against. Each voter was also asked to vote "for or against the purchase of a county poor farm." The vote stood 2496 for and 872 against.

Lane and Linn county each elected a "Silver Republican" to the legislature.

Governor Rogers of Washington, is not a hard hearted man, but sentimentalism does not move him to pardon from the penitentiary dangerous persons, who have forfeited their rights to be free. Last week the board of pardons recommended commutation of sentence to five years for outrageous assault. The parents of the little girl protested against commutation of the villain's sentence. After considering the case, Governor Rogers wrote this all-meaning indorsement on the papers: "Protest of parents respected and commutation denied."

Portland Dispatch: The anti-Mitchell republicans did their best to retain Mr Black as collector of customs, in recognition of the services rendered by the gold democrats in the recent election and that of two years ago. But Hanna had to deliver the goods.

It causes considerable satisfaction to know that treacherous time serving Tom Black is out of office. He has no principle above the love of money and lust for preferment. He has been heard of the last time.

Judge Boise, who has just been elected in the third district, is 79 years of age, and he enters upon a six-years' term, at the close of which, should he live, he will be 85. He has been on the bench and held other offices longer than any other citizen in the state, and is hale and hearty.

The Oregonian loves gold standard Tom Black erstwhile claimant of the democratic designation. And it hates John H Mitchell whom Tom Black voted for in 1885, treacherously betraying the party that honored him with its confidence. "Love me, love my dog," or the reverse, does not go in the Oregonian shop.

Commissioners' Court.

Table listing court proceedings and names of officials such as L G Hullin deputy clerk, Geo W Riggs deputy sheriff, etc.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 24
COTTAGE GROVE MAN.—Medford Mail: "G N Spurr, the bowling alley man, returned Saturday from the Shovel creek springs, where he went a couple of weeks ago for his health. He is troubled with rheumatism and the mud baths did him a heap of good, but if a few were good he figured a few more would be "gooder" and he took too many—in fact so many that he became too weak to fish—which was a bad state of affairs and he broke away and came home—very much improved. Mr Spurr and his very estimable family are figuring on returning to Cottage Grove to make it their home—which is news our people do not like Mr S has several very valuable mines in the Bohemia district and it is to look after these that the move is made. He will probably sell his bowling alley."

SATURDAY JUNE 25
WILL SUCCEED.—Heppner Gazette: J H Gault, a son of D M C Gault, who is editor and proprietor of the Independent, of Hillsboro, arrived from Pendleton Wednesday on his wheel, and will spend his vacation at hard work in this vicinity. He is a good farm hand, is handy with tools and can run an engine. Any person wanting a first-class man will please call at this office. Mr Gault attended college at Corvallis last winter, but will enter the Eugene university next year. He is quite a football enthusiast and says hard labor will put him in condition for next season.
Ex: The young man over in Albina evidently meant business. He was of foreign birth. He was given a newspaper to read but could not, and was just as successful when asked to write in English, and when reminded of his deficiency, he said: "Well, I can't read nor write in English, but I can fight like hell in any language and taught id vos fighters you wanted, not professors." He was enthusiastically accepted.
To SAN FRANCISCO.—Dr C L Luckey went to Portland on today's 10-50 local and will take passage on a steamer from that point to San Francisco. He goes to the Bay City to accept a position with the California Optical Company, the largest wholesale and retail establishment of its kind on the coast. Dr Luckey is a graduate optician, well qualified for his new duties and the best wishes of his hosts of friends go with him to his new residence.
NAVAL CADET.—The naval cadet competitive examination was held today by Prof W C Hawley, at Salem by request of Congressman Tongue, for a cadetship to the navy yard at Annapolis. The class consisted of eight members, Wayne Osburn, of this city being one of the number.
DISCUSSION RENDERED.—Judge J C Fullerton has filed with the county clerk of Lane county a decision in the case of Frederica Rosten vs Jacob Park, to set aside deed. Judge Fullerton orders the conveyance set aside. It was claimed the deed was made under duress.
COMMENTARY.—Cottage Grove Messenger: Henry Day will be chief deputy sheriff for W W Withers. The selection is a good one and will give universal satisfaction to this end of the valley.
FINGERS CUT.—Mr Allen, Patterson's butcher, cut his thumb and first finger badly today with a chisel. Dr Kuykendall placed two stitches in one of them and five in the other.
IMPROVING.—Dr Russell, superintendent of the Lane county poor farm informs us that Billy Yale who was recently shot in the hip at McKenzie Bridge is improving nicely.
ONE STORY HIGH.—The new court house is ready for the first story joists and a force of carpenters will commence placing them in position Monday.
"Patriotism and the Flag."
Under the above caption we notice in your columns of the 23d that Mrs Van Orskil, in an address before a "summer" school at Pendleton, stated that "seven or eight years ago the Youth's Companion started a movement to place on every public school house in America the national flag etc. I wish to correct this, as the placing, or donating flags for public school houses originated with the Grand Army of the Republic some sixteen or eighteen years ago. I have personally, as post commander assisted in placing our flag over school houses in Illinois and Nebraska, and at the same time, and previous, like good work was being done all through the eastern states, and I should in justice add that it was always ably assisted by patriotic Americans. Our motto is to keep history correct. There are residents of Lane county who assisted in school flag raisings over two years ago.
VETERAN.
Willamette River Gauges
The Willamette at Salem is 2.8 feet above low water mark and is falling 1.5 inches a day. River men are anxious about the prospect of extremely low water this season on account of the light snow-fall in the mountains last winter. Last winter the Salem gauge at the lowest showed one foot above low water.
There is no way of telling how the river stands at Eugene, in comparison with former years, but it probably is little different from the average. The gauge on the bridge pier cannot be depended on to register the stage of water as the washing out or filling up of riffles above or below the bridge materially change the river levels from one season to another. The starting point of the gauge on the north pier of the bridge is at least 18 inches above low water mark. The Skinner rifle bar washed out a couple of winters ago and lowered the water level of the smooth stretch of river above.