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To the Public.

On and after this date, I wish it understood that my terms for all undertaker's goods are cash with the order. I find it impossible to do business on a credit basis, and belive that I can do better by my patrons and myself by selling strictly for cash. P. BENEDICK, Undertaker.
Roseburg, Ore., April 12, 1895.

Under the McKinley tariff a pound of wool of the Douglas county wool growers would pay for three pounds of sugar. Now a pound of their wool will only pay for one pound of sugar. That is democratic freetrade for you with a vengance.

The democratic party platforms of this year are conspicuous for the absence of the free trade planks. They have substituted free silver for free trade and doubtless will substitute free whiskey for free silver next election, if not this. They must have something free. At the polls they start in with free whiskey and end, usually, with a free fight.

By a parity of reasoning as advocated by some of our dyed-in-the-wool democrats and Simon pure republicans, all Masons, Odd Fellows, A. O. U. W., B. P. O. E., K. of P., Woodmen of the World, et al, must not have anything to say in politics. By thus uniting ones self with a secret order of this, that or the other sort he has lost his citizenship, i. e., according to the logic of would-be bosses of party organization.

The Review with whoop and hurrah shouts lustily for its bantam ticket. It is composed, it says, of "men worthy and well qualified, men of irreproachable character, men of strict integrity," etc. Very well, be it so. We will not now undertake to dispute it. The PLAINDEALER is reliably informed that there are two A. P. A. candidates on the Review's ticket, and three more have applied for initiation into the order at the next council meeting.

The enlightened people of this age are engaged in an irrepressible conflict of opinions. They are passing through a transition state. Long entertained opinions are being assayed in the crucible of deep thought. Old and effete opinions are slowly giving way to the new. Science is exposing dogmatic theses to the calcium light of reason. Error is being laid bare by the power of independent thought. The world of investigation moves with irresistable tread. No power can stay it.

The "regular democrats," as the Review terms the old "ring" faction of the party, have done more to array opposition to it by a swing of the party lash than could possibly be accomplished by their republican opponents. The party's action at the primaries, and continued at the county convention, plainly demonstrated that boss rule was in full force. By the keen snaps of the party lash many of the friends of Mr. Dillard were given to understand that they must stand in. Some stood in but many stood out, and the polls next June will show that the Australian ballot system is their only safeguard against trickery.

Last Thursday we heard five different republicans make the declaration that "there is no republican party in Douglas."—Review.

If the declaration of these five different sore-head republicans conveys consolation to the Review and raises its hopes to such a pitch that it predicts "the democratic ticket will be triumphant in the coming election," what a surprise is in store for it when the ballots are counted. The Review will find that the "five different sore-heads," who confided to it their tale of woe, are not an addition to their ranks that even democrats can be proud of, and that the republican party is better off without than with them.

James Byron, in the Review, states that he is willing to "carry the banner of any sect, Christain, Jew or infidel in a fight to a finish for religious toleration." To that sentiment we say amen. The PLAINDEALER will enroll under any banner to fight for religious toleration, let it be borne by whatsoever party it may, if such a contingency should ever arise. The PLAINDEALER contends for a complete and eternal separation of church and state, with laws guranteeing the right to worship God or mammon according to dictates of conscience. If need be we would as quick take up arms to defend a a Catholic's rights as for a Presbyterian, Methodist or any other sect, and none the less defend that of an infidel or atheist; because it would be in defense of a great and vitnl principle which we hold dearer than any other principle in our government—we mean perfect liberty of conscience.

The Review of Monday, the 13th, says "The PLAINDEALER is opening its broadside of campaign lies" by stating "that Mr. Agee is not really running for office." The PLAINDEALER never said any such thing. On the contrary, the PLAINDEALER said that Mr. Agee IS running on "the supposition that he is a vote capturer, not for his executive ability." That is what the PLAINDEALER said. While Mr. Agee, personally, is a man of good standing as a neighbor, and one the PLAINDEALER esteems as such, it is conceded by several of his party friends that, while he is a good farmer and fruit culturist, he is not fitted for such duties as sheriff. This opinion is drawn from the facts in the case while he held the office for four years. The PLAINDEALER does not charge Mr. Agee with defaulting, not by any means, but mentioned that fact—his want of executive ability—as tending to show that the party is running him for the purpose, chiefly, of catching votes to secure the office for some one else's benefit, and that fact has been acknowledged by several of Mr. Agee's friends. In fact, two men with whom we conversed on the subject said: "Ben Agee is the only man we can elect, and he will find some one to do the business," or words to that effect. In short it was common talk on the streets for several days before the democratic nomination, when it was reported that Mr. Agee had refused to accept it, the party managers said determinedly: "Ben must accept; he is the only man we can elect."

The views thus stated go to show that the democracy of Douglas county has departed from its boasted Jeffersonian doctrine, that *ability* to perform the duties of the office is one of its cardinal principles. The Review says, "when the time comes, that gentleman will take the matter into his own hands." Yes, when the time comes. But there's the rub. *When* the time comes. The Review should have said: When Mr. Agee is elected.

Democrats who have been the bone and sinue of the party by their devotion to hewing the wood and drawing the water that has kept up the steam, for lo, these many years, have come to the conclusion that the steam may go down, and the engine cease to turn the wheels so far as they are concerned. They are determined that they "will neither fish nor cut bait" for the old concern any longer, but will cast a line in the near future in the stream, where suckers do not abound. They have been fostering monoplies by their standing in with the ringsters till they are tired of it. They are tired of marching to the polls and voting for men to heap upon them a load of taxes for the monopolists to gather up.

The city has been saddled with a debt of $45,000 in useless expenditures, and a contract to pay for ten years that cannot be revoked, for city lighting at rates higher than any other city in the state.

The county has lost several thousand dollars by a defaulting official, who was a pet of a ring rule faction, and to regain a portion of which the county was at the expense of a costly law suit and the great annoyance of the bondsman.

The old ring rule party held down the sheriffalty for 8 years under the fee system which put thousands of dollars into the sheriff's pockets over and above a reasonable salary.

The republican party changed this fee system to that of a salaried one, thus saving to the county every year several thousands of dollars.

Value of Opinions.

Mr. Kennedy, the very affable and able minister of the M. E. church of this city, preached a strong sermon Sunday evening last, from the words of Jesus: "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Mr. Kennedy said opinions are good for nothing unless backed up by authority, which, as appeared from the general tenor of his discourse, must be from the recognized authority of some author, such as historical statements by recognized authority, and cited the Bible as his authority for his opinions. From Mr. Kennedy's standpoint of biblical authority he argued forcibly. But is not Mr. Kennedy aware that there are many opinions at variance with his which are based upon the scriptures? Not mentioning others than the Catholic and protestants, we discover a material difference in many important points. The Catholic appeals to the same authority. The soundness and tenability of each faith depends upon the inherent truthfulness of the opinions deduced from the same authority. Mr. Kennedy and his school of theists have an opinion as to the teachings of scripture, while the Catholics maintain an adverse opinion, all from the same authority. Who shall decide? Simply the opinion of the thinker. So with the constitution of this state and of the United States. The authority of the highest court settles disputes but does not settle conflicting opinions. There is no authority presented the human mind for investigation except pure mathematics that is not susceptible of a difference of opinions. What is authority for one, is not sufficient for the other. Even theories based upon known absolute facts often give rise to different opinions among our most profound thinkers. The correctness of an opinion depends upon the demonstrated truths upon which that opinion is based, with the mind free to chose which it will accept. A thousand and one opinions may be entertained by intelligent people regarding any ism, faith or dogma in religion or any governmental theory presented to the human mind for contemplation. Authority, however eminent, settles nothing as to absolute truth.

Labor and Capital.

The conflict between labor and capital must be settled, for if it continue, it will prove suicidal to both. Labor must be up and doing while the day lasts. It must work out its own salvation in the industrial world if it expects to be saved, for if labor hesitate too long, the bells may toll its funeral notes. Workingmen must try and accomplish those things for which they have for years been fighting. Education among the classes will enable them to steer the labor ship through its tempestuous sea of troubles and difficulties, for education is revolutionizing along the lines of industrial advancement. Reconciliation between labor and capital is the burning question of the hour.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

School books at Marsters' drug store.

Good goods at the lowest prices at Salzman's.

For a good 5-cent cigar call on Mrs. N. Boyd.

Wood taken on subscription at this office.

Get your school books at Marsters' drug store.

New neckwear for ladies and gents at Jay Brooks'.

For first-class dentistry go to Dr. Little of Oakland.

Solid silver tea and table spoons at Salzman's.

Pure fresh candies, fruits and nuts at the Roseleaf.

Prices marked in plain figures at the Racket Store.

Pure fresh groceries and low prices at Casebeer's grocery.

Harness of all kinds at low prices at G. W. Woodward's.

Key West, imported and domestic cigars at the Roseleaf.

Have you seen the latest in ladies' and gents' watches at Salzman's.

Low prices are what move goods at the Racket Store. Call and see.

Buy your silverware at Salzman's and get the best at the lowest prices.

Country produce of all kinds bought and sold at Casebeer's grocery store.

Ladies, call and see our new line of ready made wrappers, at the Novelty Store.

Jewelry, watches, diamonds, gold pens and optical goods at the lowest prices at Salzman's.

A few cases good substantial boots at reduced prices to close them out, at H. Stanton's.

Shoes! Shoes!! Shoes!!! Cheaper than the cheapest at Richards' Cash Racket Store.

Miss Imagene Houser has a nice line of ladies' and children's black and tan hose at Miss I. A. Baird's.

Casebeer the grocer, corner Jackson and Washington, keeps the best grocer ies. Try him and be convinced.

Largest stock of fancy chairs at Alexander & Strong's, ever brought to Roseburg and at prices lower than ever.

For a good hat, stylish and cheap, call on Wollenberg & Abraham, whose stock embraces all grades of head gear.

JAR of MONEY given away to advertise our goods and prices. 50 cent purchase entitles you to a guess at Richard's Cash Racket Store.

N. Rice, at his ware rooms on Jackson opposite Marks' iron front, has choice household furniture and tin ware at prices to suit the times.

If you don't want to suffer with corns and bunions, have your boots and shoes made at L. Langenburg's. Repairing neatly and promptly done.

Gents, our line of latest style *hats* cannot be beat for *quality* or *price*. Also have nice assortment of ties, suspenders, hosiery, etc. Novelty Store.

The Square Deal store has just opened up a beautiful line of W. L. Douglas shoes, which prove to be the best shoes made. Come and inspect them.

A. C. Hoxie sells flour at 75c and 80c a sack, and 10 pounds of lard for 75 cents. People should take advantage of these prices and give him their patronage.

Ladies, are you in perfect health? If not, why not try the great home remedy, Viavi. Mrs. Berry is agent for Douglas county and will fill all orders promptly.

N. Rice, one of our enterprising furniture dealers has now on sale a fine lot of furniture of the latest style and finish. Give him a call before purchasing elsewhere.

L. Langenburg is still on top. He carries a full stock of choice music, musical instruments, violin, guitars, accordeons etc., violin strings of best quality always on hand.

Wanamaker & Brown's fine new line of samples of men and boys' *spring clothing* just received at the *Racket Store*. Call and see them. Mens' all wool suits $6.50 and upwards.

A shirt with double yoke and collar made to fit, will not pinch around the chest, with a 36-inch skirt, well sewed and stayed, the right thing for little money. At the Novelty Store.

Those having second hand stoves, furniture, etc., for sale can receive the highest cash price by calling upon N. Rice, the furniture and supply dealer, 221-23 Jackson street Roseburg, Or.

New goods were never so low as we offer our *spring stock*. The colorings are entirely new and attractive, among the most noticeable are percales, chambras, dimities, etc. Call and see them at the Novelty Store.

House cleaning time if you need one of the following: Window shades, lace curtains, curtain scrim, creton, silkaline; or, in tinware, decorated tin chamber-sets, buckets; brushes, whisk-brooms, dust-pans, call at the Novelty Store.

DRAIN.

Hon. E. C. Ricker of Gardiner is in town today, Sunday.

The political pot is simmering softly at present, having boiled over at the recent convention.

A. L. Moon's store was broken into Tuesday night by some unknown person. A quarter of a cheese, several cans of oysters, some crackers and several plugs of tobacco were all that could be missed. The thief broke into the money drawer but got nothing.

Our city marshal, assisted by B. M. Capps captured two house breakers here Friday night. One, a colored gent, who gave his name as John Stewart, and a boy 16 years old, who gave his name as James O'Donnel. It seems that they broke into the section Chinamen's house at Oaklank and helped themselves to what they could find, and on Friday broke into B. M. Capps' house at Rice Hill and stole a revolver and some clothing. When arrested here, the boy had on a vest, cravat and scarf pin belonging to Mr. Capps. The prisoners had a preliminary hearing in the justice court here, Saturday, and James O'Donnel was held to answer in the sum of $500. There being no evidence against the colored gent, he was discharged, but was immediately arrested by Constable Medley of Oakland and taken to that city where he will be called upon to explain how he came in possession of the Chinamen's goods found on him when arrested.

What Did It?

What ran to help the g. o. p.,
And point to the calamity
That was coming, you see?
The Review.

What raised the howl of A. P. A.
And lustly brayed day after day,
To frighten all the fools away?
The Review.

What "stood pat" for heavy tax,
That almost broke our backs,
To enrich the party quack?
The Review.

What endorsed the Roseburg ring
And to the bosses fondly cling,
That pap and plunder it might bring?
The Review.

What gave up all party pride
That into power it might ride,
And hope that there it might abide?
The Review.

For fine shoes go to Jay Brooks'.

A Salzman, the reliable jeweler.

J. T. Bryan, the Busy Watchmaker.

For ladies' suits and capes go to Jay Brooks'.

Don't miss our April RIBBON sale. Novelty Store.

Exquisite! Those ladies' shirt waists at the Novelty Store.

Nobby suits and latest styles at Little Jack's. Prices very low.

All styles and qualities of hats at Abraham's. Bedrock prices.

A fine line of gents' shoes at J. Abraham's. Prices just right.

Ladies' dress skirts and shirt waists in great variety at Jay Brooks'.

Fancy line ladies' hose supporters in all colors at Miss Imagene Houser's.

FOR SALE—A good 24 pound saddle for sale. To be seen at J. F. Barker's grocery store.

A fine line of clothing at Jack Abraham's gents furnishing store at grertly reduced prices.

The latest thing in belts is the narrow spangle and gold. Cheaper than you can buy them in the city at the Novelty Store.

F. Eddy a first class upholsterer at Simmon's second hand store in Hendrick's block opposite the depot. Samples of work on exhibition.

Jack Abraham, in the Taylor and Wilson building, has the finest stock of gents' furnishing goods ever brought to this city. Prices the lowest ever before heard of. Call and see.

Dr. J. W. Strange, who is attending to the wants of the people of Bandon and other places on the Coquille River, will return so as to re-open his office on May 1st. Kindly reserve your dental work for him. *

The Baptist Young Peoples Union will give a dime social in Mark's store on Friday evening, April 17th. A good program will be given and refreshments served. All are invited and a good time is assured. COMMITTEE.

Ladies' wrappers,
Ladies' duck suits,
Ladies' capes,
Ladies' dress skirts,
Styles the latest,
Prices the lowest,
At Jay Brooks'.

BOYS MAY BE HAD (and sometimes girls) for—(1) ordinary service at wages; (2) upon indenture, [to work, attend school, and be brought up somewhat as your own;] and—(3) children may be had for legal adoption. Address, W. T. GARDNER, Supt. Oregon Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, Portland, Or.

Lumber for Sale or Trade.

If you have dry cows or heifers you want to trade for lumber, or if you want to buy a bill of any kind of fir lumber, you will do well to address P. O. box 125, Drain, Oregon.