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## COUNTY REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- For Senator,  
**A. C. MARSTERS**, of Roseburg.  
 For Representatives,  
**A. R. MATTOON**, of Looking Glass,  
**C. ROSS KING**, of Yoncalla.  
 For Sheriff,  
**E. L. PARROTT**, of Roseburg.  
 For Clerk,  
**D. R. SHAMBEROOK**, of Umpqua Ferry.  
 Assessor,  
**J. A. STERLING**, of Drain.  
 Treasurer,  
**G. W. DIMMICK**, of Elkton.  
 For School Superintendent,  
**F. B. HAMLIN**, of Roseburg.  
 Commissioners,  
**M. D. THOMPSON**, of Scottsburg,  
**A. E. NICHOLS**, of Riddle.  
 For Surveyor,  
**WILLIAM BRIGGS**, of Canyonville.  
 For Coroner,  
**DR. J. C. TWITCHELL**, of Roseburg.

## Roseburg Precinct Officers.

- For Justice of the Peace,  
**H. J. ROBINETTE**.  
 For Constable,  
**CLAY SLOCUM**.

From the picture of Wm. J. Bryan, appearing in Thursday's Review, it is difficult to conclude whether the fellow is posing as a statesman or a pugilist. The attitude and expression are more typical of the latter. After the November election he will feel like shaking his fist at the whole state of Oregon.

One of the novelties at the republican county convention was to see Geo. K. Quaine, a former prominent democrat, walk up and cast his ballot like a little man with the rest of the Riddle delegation. We always thought G. K. was all right. Now we know it—and there are others.

The re-nomination of Congressman Thos. H. Tongue on the first ballot at McMinnville last Tuesday, was a fine compliment and a fitting tribute to our able, efficient and justly popular Oregon representative. Mr. Tongue, we predict, will be elected just as easily as he secured the re-nomination. He is one of the ablest congressmen that Oregon ever had, and we are proud of the Douglas county delegation which stood by him to a man.

As to Bryan's "gifted" oratory the following from the Woodburn Independent is about correct: "We can now understand why Bryan generally loses the states throughout which he speaks. The people are led to expect a great orator—the greatest in the United States—but they hear an ordinary speaker with an auctioneer's voice, playing on the passions of the people running down Mark Hanna and England, and enlightening his hearers on no new point relating to public affairs."

The country is always safe in the hands of the republican party. It is only under such an administration that order reigns; a sound and staple finance is maintained, and prosperity is general. In choosing between the parties all considerate men observe these facts. As to local politics it is always best to elect men to office who stand for good government and good times, such men are to be found only on the republican ticket, in this county. You will make no mistake in voting that ticket instead of the fusion for spoils, triple alliance non-trustsity.

Tuesday's Review, full of envy and jealousy because of the rapidly increasing popularity, patronage and circulation of the PLAINDEALER, alleges that the paper is retrograding and that its patronage is waning. Poor old Review, having seen its best days, is growing cranky and despondent and imagines that every one else shares its unlucky fate. However, we will see that never in its history has the PLAINDEALER been more prosperous than at the present time, as a glance at our advertising columns and subscription book will prove to even the most skeptical. The paper is forging rapidly to the front and is now in a position to back up its claim of "leading newspaper of Southern Oregon."

## Bryan's Visit to Roseburg.

As we announced in our last issue, Bryan's coming to Roseburg was a disappointment even to his most ardent admirers. As was announced by the Review as well as the PLAINDEALER, seats were provided for about 6000 people on the vacant square near the opera house, and when we state that these seats were a little less than half occupied during Bryan's address, we make an assertion that cannot be denied by anyone in attendance. Thus taking into consideration that the larger portion of the population of our city, men, women and children turned out to hear him, it will be plainly seen that the attendance from other parts of the county was decidedly small. The speech was a typical Bryan production, his arguments, true sayings and illustrations being the same old chestnuts published time and again from one end of the country to the other. One of his very great hits was to the effect that "the republicans had revised one of the ten commandments to read, 'thou shalt not steal—on a small scale.'" He related many other such medieval stories for illustrations, the origin of which has been traced back by antiquarians to Noah and that the audience was prevented from stampeding when such stories were told shows that they were a very docile and patient outfit. In fact most people go to hear him as they go to hear a light comedy—for recreation, while a great many are drawn through simple curiosity.

While a great deal of his time was devoted to a denunciation of the record of the republican party it was a noticeable fact that he did not point with pride to a single achievement of the democratic or populist party. It was also noticed that a no practical remedies were suggested for the evils he claims exist in state and national republican politics. On the "money question," which he makes prominent by bringing it forward first and discussing it for half an hour, he repeats the old, exploded arguments of 1896, but with diminished vim and action. He talks glibly about "the dollar and the man," "bimetallism" and the deceptions of the republican party; he denounces the gold standard, and thereby pleases and holds his populist and free silver republican supporters; but he was careful not to say that we must have free silver at 16 to 1 in this country. He knows that if elected president he could not make "free silver at 16 to 1" the American system.

As to trusts, Mr. Bryan does propose one specific remedy, which he says would get rid of the trusts. But we only have his word for it. The courts are to be heard from, and even if Mr. Bryan were president he could not at the same time be the supreme court. No doubt Mr. Bryan would crush the trusts if he could; but how much else would he destroy in doing this? This is a question as to which people have some doubt. A man who would make 50-cent dollars a legal tender, and who might not protect property against lawless mobs—judging by his general talk—cannot carry this country unless the grievances and burdens to be laid upon his opponent are very heavy and galling indeed.

Neither does Mr. Bryan tell us what we are to do with the Philippines. Admitting that in some respects it is a bad job that we have gotten into, what are we going to do about it? Mr. Bryan proposes nothing; he only accuses and abuses the administration for what it has done. We are not going to oppress the Filipinos. We are pledged to give them, practically, self-government; but all this cannot be done in a day; or perhaps in a year; and, first, the authority and dominancy of the United States, under the circumstances, must be established there. That is the declared policy of the administration, and it would have been Mr. Bryan's policy if he had been president. This is the real and practically the only "issue" in this year of 1900, and Mr. Bryan will learn in November what the decision of the people is. He will be beaten to a pulp because the prosperity of the country has utterly discredited him as a political prophet and stigmatized him as nothing but a vociferous quack and tireless political tramp.

In going to Oregon to talk, Bryan is preparing for his usual ill luck. He remarked just after his defeat in 1896 that he lost nearly all the states in which he made speeches in that year, while he carried all which he kept away from. This is a particularly bad time for him to appear in Oregon. That state has an election in June, and his present speeches stand a chance to add a little to the republican majority which was likely to be rolled up in any event. A reverse right at the outset in his canvass is not the sort of thing which a wise candidate would invite.—Globe-Democrat.

## "TRIUMPH OF THE BOSS."

In an article under the above caption appearing in the last issue of the Review we expected to find something relative to the achievement of the Review editor and his Oakland pal (who, by the way, is the democratic nominee for state senator) in turning down the present incumbent for the re-nomination of sheriff, and their wily manipulation of not only the democratic, but the populist and free silver republican conventions. However, we were disappointed. It was not his own brilliant (?) achievement of which Mr. Fisher was boasting, but that of an alleged republican boss, the wild and fringed conclusions at which Mr. Fisher arrived furnishing much mirth and amusement for the delegates and visitors who attended the republican convention. The fact that Mr. Fisher personally attended and reported the most enthusiastic and harmonious convention after witnessing the stormy and dramatic scenes enacted in the triple alliance conventions of the day before, was enough to turn the fellow's head. But, just think of a man who sets himself up as the absolute dictator and self imposed boss of not only his own party, but also the populist and free silver republican party and who insists on ruling according to his own narrow-minded dictates, we say, think of such a man pretending to combat bossism in the opposing party. It is a well known fact that not only at their recent convention, but heretofore, Mr. Fisher, through his dictatorial policy has come near ridding his party, it being only through the valiant efforts and timely counsel of wiser heads in the party that the breach was effectually united. However, at the present time it seems as if he had precipitated a rumus that will not be so easily quelled.

Many of the county delegates to both the democratic and populist conventions, becoming weary of the dictations of the Roseburg ring, over which Mr. Fisher presides as "boss," resolved to have a voice in the proceedings, but were as helpless to carry out their plans independently as they have been heretofore. Those of the delegates who had come to the convention instructed for R. L. Stephens for sheriff, will not soon forget the ruthless manner in which this true and faithful officer was turned down by this Roseburg ring, when above all others, he was the one deserving of re-nomination and re-election. It is a bad muddle into which Mr. Fisher finds himself and one which will cost him and his party the loss of the support of many former staunch friends.

In conclusion, we would like to inquire how long the populists and free silver republicans are to be hoodwinked and made catpaws to assist this unprincipled mountebank to win the office of sheriff, at the sacrifice of the rest of the ticket if necessary, so far as he is concerned, in order that he may secure the lion's share of county "pap." If Mr. Fisher desires to make "bossism" the issue of this campaign we are with him.

A gentleman writing from Drain declares the Review to be in error when it asserts that Sterling was assessor at the time Judge Riddle was involved in controversy with the S. P. company. He says that W. H. Cole was at that time assessor; Riddle, judge; Maupin (dem) and Ireland (rep) commissioners. Anyone attempting to correct all the errors and malicious falsehoods appearing in the columns of the Review from time to time, has a job on hand that will bring on premature old age.

The republican party of Douglas county is in better shape than it has been for a decade. For the first time in many years harmony reigns supreme. The same general harmony that prevailed the convention hall last week and was so conspicuous throughout the proceedings. The ticket nominated under such favorable auspices is naturally a strong one and the democrats will seek in vain to find a single weak candidate on it. While it contains the names of several old "stand-bys," it also presents those of a number of comparatively new men, thus giving new and fresh vigor to the party and tending to strengthen it at all points the entire ticket. The ticket will be successful almost to a man is generally conceded, even by many democrats and populists.

## Pointed Paragraphs.

Now will the anxious candidate  
 Begin to wonder why  
 Such small and lowly offices  
 Can come so mighty high.

A man was hanged at Spokane the day that Bryan arrived there. He had reason to feel happy over his fate.

There will be an eclipse in the United States on May 28 and another of a political nature on November 6. Bryan will emerge from the penumbra a few days after with a manifesto for "the third battle."

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