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Why do not some of the states where the Democratic party has undisputed sway set the country an example in its opposition to trusts? There is not a democratic state that does not charter trusts. The party is great to war and complain, but ineffectual in practice.

If you read it in the fusion sheet today it is invariably the case that you will read an apology for the same in the next issue. The Eugene Guard and Roseburg Review bear the unenviable reputation of being two of the most irresponsible sheets in the state. They are kept busy correcting false statements.

It has been conceded by men in both parties that Geo. W. Dimmick is entitled to and will be re-elected treasurer of Douglas county. He has faithfully performed all the duties devolved upon him; he has rendered a faithful account of his stewardship and the people generally recognize in him honesty and integrity consequently will retain him in his present position for another term.

The fact that Hon. Thos. H. Tongue has served two terms as congressman from the first district and is a poor man is evidence sufficient that he is an honest man. Some men become rich in congress at a salary of \$5000. We have known them to become rich in one term—they go there to make money and then retire—that is their constituents retire them. Mr. Tongue does not belong to this class and the people of the first district instead of retiring him are going to return him for his faithfulness.—Lake View Examiner.

It is rumored that a number of miners at the Gold Bog mine in the northern part of Josephine county, have registered to vote in Glendale precinct in this county, and, if their votes should be challenged that they intend to create serious trouble. It is certainly not very consistent for the fusion party which poses as a reform party, to advise its adherents to vote illegally and if their votes are challenged to create a riot or serious disturbance. The law should be enforced to prevent illegal voting and the fusion party should aid in its enforcement.

The spectacle of a full fledged licensed brokerage business being conducted in connection with a "reform" county clerk's office, is enough to paralyze a marble statue. There are a great many tax-paying voters who think they are just as much entitled to an occasional investment in county warrants as is this licensed county clerk broker. However as long as there is a two per cent commission in eight, the warrants are going to be all gobbled up in the clerk's office for the bank. Anyone doubting that the clerk's office is in the hands of money changers have only to investigate. Are the voters of this county going to perpetuate and encourage this kind of thing? We think not.

The republicans made a wise choice when they nominated A. K. Mattoon, as a candidate for the legislature. Mr. Mattoon, our former candidate, is a gentleman of exceptional ability, a ready and convincing speaker, and is closely identified with the industrial interests of the county. Mr. Mattoon is an untiring worker, belongs to no faction, a man of mature experience in public matters and of whom Douglas county may expect much good service in the legislature. His election is one of the certainties of the June election. No less can be said of C. Ross King, the bright, young business man of Yoncalla and republican candidate for representative.

The Michigan experiment station gives the following results from a comparative test of broad and narrow tired wagons. On good roads the drafts of broad and narrow wagons were about equal; on plowed land a narrow tired wagon pulled 45 per cent harder than a wide tired one; on a road with sand two inches deep, 25 per cent harder, and on sod, 10 per cent harder.

County Clerk's Affidavit.

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK OF DOUGLAS COUNTY,
 ROSEBURG, OREGON, SEPT. 14, 1898.

I hereby certify that I will turn into the Douglas County Treasury from my salary during my terms of office, the sum of \$500 on or before the first day of February, 1899.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September, 1898.

J. S. FITZHUGH,
 Notary Public for Oregon.

In order to some what justify himself for not returning one cent of his salary back into the county treasury, as he pledged himself as above to do, Mr. Gazley now, with brazen effrontery, sets forth the claim of being the author and finisher of the bill passed in the legislature providing for the reduction of the salaries of the officers of this county. The facts are the man, through whom Gazley claims he urged the passage of the bill, Representative Wilson, opposed the only measure introduced for this object, which bill was drafted and introduced by the Douglas county republican senator, the late Hon. A. W. Reed, and it was only through the persistent personal efforts of Mr. Reed and the union representatives, Wonacott and Conn, that Mr. Gazley's right-hand man was prevailed upon to support the Reed bill, ever word of which can be proven conclusively. The Roseburg Review even repeats the claims of Mr. Gazley in its issue of May 3, 1900, when it said:

THE REVIEW'S ADMISSION:

"Senator Reed introduced a bill reducing and re-adjusting the salaries of the officials of Douglas county and in order to insure its passage the Union representatives, Wilson, Wonacott and Conn, introduced no-measure, but came to the support of Mr. Reed's bill."

THAT HOBO LETTER AGAIN.

Again the fusion organ over the way being unable to offer any argument to refute our statement regarding that hobo letter episode, with the low instinct of the puffy cur, who guides its destinies blurt out something about the editor of this paper being a liar, and that such a communication had never been presented to this paper. In proof of our allegations we beg to refer the Review and our readers to the union candidate for constable, Sam Tooley, who knows a great deal more about this letter than he probably cares to tell. Sheriff R. L. Stephens is also fully aware of the existence of this libelous letter and the traitorous and treacherous motives prompting its origin and presentation to the PLAIN-DEALER. Fisher will now produce sufficient evidence to refute this statement or we will be under the painful necessity of branding him a liar and proving him as such, and thus add another laurel to his growing reputation for unreliability.

Vote against Japanese competition with white labor by voting for the union candidates for congress and the legislature.—Roseburg Review.

The fusion press, grasping at every straw in its sinking agony, is just now endeavoring to make political capital out of the increasing Japanese immigration. No party is more bitterly opposed to pauper labor than is the republican party as its history in connection with the Chinese exclusion act will prove conclusively. The republicans can be depended on to solve and remedy this Jap problem just as promptly and efficiently as they did the Chinese problem with which we were confronted a few years ago, and the same may be said in regard to the Filipinos. At any rate, what has the democrats ever accomplished along this line of which they can boast? Nothing! And what assurance have we that their future record will be an improvement over the past? None! Don't be fooled in democratic promises. They are expensive, as the Cleveland panic demonstrated to the satisfaction of the whole country.

We hear naught but kind words for our able and efficient candidate for state senator, Hon. A. C. Marsters. He is found to be one of the common people, with a wide knowledge of the needs and requirements of our county and state and no one doubts his ability to accomplish much good for this county and fill the responsible office to which he aspires with the greatest credit to himself and the fullest satisfaction of our people. His affiliation with the people has entirely changed the erroneous impressions created against him by that irresponsible fair sheet, the Review.

The registration of voters according to reports will show a remarkable increase of voters over two years ago. In this county the rolls already show a total of 4215, the Roseburg precincts alone footing up something like 1042 voters. The same increase is reported from other parts of the state.

The government provided for Puerto Rico is far more liberal than that given to Louisiana, when that state was admitted to the union. A little experience will assure the Puerto Ricans.—Citizen (Pop.)

A FUSION LIE.

It is reported that the Booth-Kelly Lumber company has employed 120 Japanese coolies to work at their plant at Wendling. Mr. Booth is the man who is running for joint senator on the Republican ticket.—Junction City Bulletin. Here is a lie made out of whole cloth. There is not a Jap nor a Chinaman employed in any department of work by the Booth-Kelly Co. at Wendling. This is on a par with the campaign methods employed by other fusion sheets in the county and is a boomerang against the party of fusion that being without an issue and legitimate argument daily parades the weakness of its cause by unfurling falsehood and misrepresentation to the breeze.—Eugene Register.

THE REVIEW APOLOGIZES.

The Review yesterday reprinted from the Junction City Bulletin an item stating that the Booth-Kelly Company were employing Japs. Mr. Henry Esch informs us that the item is erroneous and that if there are any Japs in that vicinity they are not employed by the company in the mill, but by the S. P. contractors on the new railroad. As we have no desire to do Mr. Booth or any other man, an injustice, even in the heat of a political campaign, we gladly make the correction. When the item was reprinted we supposed that the Bulletin, which is published in Lane county, was cognizant with the facts, and our antipathy to pauper labor competition induced us to give it wider publicity.—Daily Review, May 15.

Is it Bribery?

We desire to call the attention of County Clerk Gazley to the following:

Under Section 7, "Provisions of the Constitution of Oregon Relating to Elections"—Election Law of Oregon, is found the following:

OFFER OF BRIBE OR REWARD.—A promise by a candidate for county office to the voters of his county that if elected he will pay a certain part of the salary of the office into the county treasury, though very objectionable on the grounds of public policy, is not an offer of a bribe or reward within the meaning of this section, unless the voters sought to be influenced thereby are taxpayers of the county, or would in some way be benefited by the performance of the offer.—State Ex Rel. V. Dustin, 5 Or. 375.

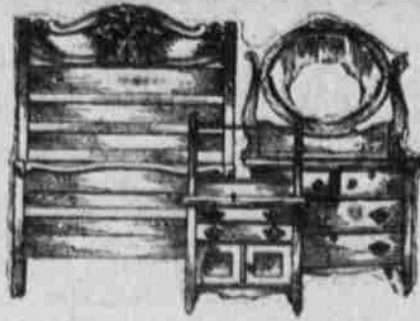
Public Speaking at Roseburg.

Hon. John G. Woolley, national prohibition speaker, will address the citizens of Roseburg at the court house Saturday evening May 26, at 8 o'clock p. m. Mr. Woolley is an orator, one of the ablest public speakers in the country today and a rare treat will be afforded all who go to hear him, whether of his political persuasion or not.

Hon. Tillman Ford will address the citizens of Roseburg, in the court house Monday evening, on the political issues of the day. Mr. Ford is an interesting and forcible speaker, and all should hear him.

Mark the prediction, Hon. Geo. M. Brown, will even carry Coos county, the home county of his opponent, "Grandpa" Hazard.

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