

The Oregonian says the democrats had a protracted row over their platform. Some of the committee wanted to admit that annexation of the Philippines is an accomplished fact and the democrats of Oregon yield to irrevocable events, but this was too much for a concession to the wisdom of republicanism and the expansion democrats took a back seat while the other fellows drew up a plank dealing with a subtle policy and it ran the gamut of unexpressed opposition. It was adopted and thus was driven home a good sized nail in the coffin of Oregon democracy.

Here is a remark we hear every day regarding the democratic candidate for county clerk: "Zopher Agee is a fine boy, but he is pretty young and inexperienced in a business capacity, to assume the great responsibility of clerk of one of the largest and most important counties of the state." Mr. Agee is a young school teacher and while he may have a large stock of text book learning on hand, he may also be wanting in practical business experience.

The more the people study the constitutional initiative and referendum amendment the more they are impressed with its wisdom. It simply places in their hands the power to initiate or to veto legislation that they desire or oppose. The power may not be used once in five years but the possession of it will be a check upon legislators.

Mr. Chamberlain now speaks with some show of earnestness against the system of fees in the state offices. But did he, when he was a member of the legislature? Did he, when attorney-general? If he did, who will supply the record? Without this record, as democratic candidate for governor, his present position on this question is inconsistent.

One branch of the Democracy is of the opinion that if the party will drop Bryan, all will be well. Well, we well remember how well it was with the country when the policy of Tariff reform, which the anti Bryan branch wants to bring to the fore, had its innings. Bryan isn't the only bad Democrat.

Congressman Tongue has our thanks for the complete report of the Industrial Commission. The report is voluminous and of exceptional value for the wide extent of information it contains relative to the industrial condition of the country.

A plurality of 10,000 for Mr. Farnish is a very conservative estimate as he will come from Eastern Oregon, with upwards of 9000 plurality. He will carry every county in Eastern Oregon and most of those in the Western part of the state.

Eastern Oregonians are so enthusiastic over the success of their various aspirants for office being nominated on the republican ticket that they promise that the republicans will carry every county east of the Cascades.

The Democratic County Convention, that party claims, was very harmonious. The fact is the convention and the entire party is so very harmonious that there is absolutely no enthusiasm or interest manifested in the old party.

As long as they fail to present a united front upon any important question it is an insult to the intelligence of the voters for the Democrats to ask to be trusted with the control of the next Oregon Legislature.

Never before in our history was the prosperity of the country so high as at present. But the democratic party of Oregon is not satisfied with the policy that has produced this prosperity, and proposes to reverse it.

Principles are at stake in this election and they are of vastly more importance to the State and country and the Republican party than any personality of any candidate.

The kickers ought to be fully satisfied now. It is stated that the members of the special American Embassy to King Edward's coronation will pay their own expenses.

President Roosevelt and his party enjoyed their trip to the Charleston Exposition just as though there were no Tillmans in South Carolina.

If the oldest inhabitant can remember when the democratic party advocated anything affirmative let him come forward and speak up.

The Odd Fellows will celebrate their eighty-third birthday on the 20th inst., and as they are all good fellows they will do it right.

The history of the Democratic party might be summed up in three words: Organize, reorganize, disorganize.

The Republican party cannot, and will not, fail on their platform, broad comprehensiveness, liberal, and pointed as it is.

Conditions are excellent for a splendid Republican victory in Oregon this year.

The Supreme Court of Oregon, in the Jackson county case, laid down the rule that the proper mode of assessing the roadbed of a railroad company is to capitalize the net earnings at 5 per cent and that should be the value for assessment purposes. The Douglas county Court in 1901, entered into an agreement with some attorneys that they would furnish the proof that the S. P. R. Co. should be assessed at least \$10,000 per mile in Douglas county to be paid to other property, and that the assessor agreed to assess whatever sum the proof showed the company should be assessed. Evidence was furnished showing that in 1900 the net earnings of the Oregon & California road, which is the Oregon part of the S. P. system, was \$1,440,000, this should be capitalized at 5 per cent and the result would be \$72,000,000. This figure is obtained by dividing all the net earnings by the total mileage, including side lines, branches, etc., the main line is certainly worth more than the branches, and can easily be placed at \$20,000 per mile. But to take the \$28,800 per mile, to which they capriciously made no objection, and compare with other property. The assessor, we understand claims to assess other real property at one-half of its value. If so, the R. R. Co. should be assessed at \$14,400 per mile. If he assesses at one-third, it should be \$9,600 per mile. It is actually assessed at \$5,000.

The old assessment was \$4,250 per mile, and when the company learned that an effort was being made to have their assessment put on an equal basis with other property the attorney of the company came to Roseburg, and consulted the assessor and voluntarily offered to allow the road to be assessed at \$5,000 per mile. At the same time the assessor had in his possession proofs that the net earnings for 1900 were as above set forth and also had a statement furnished by the company of its attorney showing the net earnings to be for the year 1908, \$999,811 per mile, which capitalized at 5 per cent is \$19,996,222, the basis for assessment. One-half is \$9,998,111, which sum the road bed should be assessed on the company's own figures. If assessed at half its value, it assessed at one-third its value, should be \$6,665,374, per mile, on the figures furnished by the company. The assessment was made at \$5,000 per mile, just \$1,993,337 per mile less than the figures voluntarily furnished by the company shows the assessment should be, taking a one-third basis. There is 116 miles of railroad in the county; multiply that by \$1,993,337 and we have \$232,178,29 which should have been assessed against the railroad company in addition to what it was assessed. The taxes on that sum would have been at 25 mills, \$18,294,45 which the company should have paid in taxes more than they did pay. The increase in the assessment of the railroad from \$4,250 per mile to \$5,000 was due solely to the effort of the county court to have the roadbed assessed pro rata with other property. We can see no reason why the assessor should place the assessment at \$5,000 per mile when he had the evidence showing it should be more. This county loses from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year in taxes ever since Jackson county decision, which the R. R. Company should honestly pay and does not. It is no wonder that the company is working to elect a democratic assessor and other members of the Board of Equalization consisting of assessor, clerk and judge. Farmers should consider this matter before they vote.

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION.

A DEMOCRATIC ENDORSEMENT.

The Nonpareil, a rabid democratic weekly sheet published at Drann by a Bourbon or "Gypsy Noble" Democrat, has this compliment for the county republican ticket:

"There are three or four gentlemen who received nominations on the republican county ticket whom the people of this end of the county will exert themselves to elect, and the reasons therefor will be fully set forth later."

We were fully aware of the fact that the republicans of this county had nominated a most excellent ticket in their recent convention, but it was hardly expected that either the democratic press or members of that party would voluntarily endorse the ticket and thus openly declare their intention to support even part of it.

The Oregonian referred to Attorney Lark Belien the other day as "the well known notary public of Eugene."

Senator Mitchell to J. M. Mansbrough.

Mr. J. M. Mansbrough of this city is in receipt of the following cordial and very significant telegram from Senator J. H. Mitchell:

WONDERFUL GROWTH.

The United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, organized in 23 States, Mr. Estes Coming.

The local division here, will now with in a short time be honored by a visit from Mr. Geo. Estes, the Chief Executive of the United Brotherhood, who is well and favorably known throughout South Western Oregon, born in this county a few miles north of Drann.

While engaged in this work Pres Estes was thoroughly convinced of the needs of an organization that would bring all Railway Employees together under one head, that would place them on an equality with each other in unity, by and through which protection could be provided that would bring justice to all. As time went on he became more and more confirmed in the belief that a United Brotherhood of this kind, would be the only organization that would meet the needs of the hour, for the railway employees, all his ideas finally culminated in action and the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees was launched on the date heretofore given.

MYRTLE CREEK NEWS.

Man Who Suicided Accounted for Missing District Organized.

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