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THE REPUBLICAN ELEPHANT TO BE STEERED BY THE TAIL.

Senator Mitchell has proposed that Multnomah county republicans instead of being governed by the county committee of seventy members, be governed in the future by a select committee of eleven members. In other words while the county committee will have a regular organization yet its action will be controlled exclusively by the committee of eleven discreet advisors. In other words the grand old republican party of the people and by the people is to be placed in subjection to a Portland ring or a ring composed of Portland politicians with perhaps two or three nincompoops from the country precincts to give it the appearance of being a representative body of men.

The method proposed is an innovation on republican methods of doing business but it is exactly in line with the methods of Tammany Hall proceedings in New York City and copied after by the corrupt democratic rings and boodle schemes in every one of the large cities of the United States.

Now the PLAINDEALER knows very little about the true inwardness of Oregon republican politics but it can see through a grindstone if the axle hole has been cut through it and if Multnomah county is to be governed by eleven members—an inner circle to control patronage—to elevate this men or debase that—to control every action of the party and its political utterances—to bring recalcitrants into subjection or to inflict punishment merited or otherwise, and to be seated like Solomon in all his glory and have the officers of every department of justice, civil or criminal and all the employees of the government, whether elected or appointed, ascend up to that inner ring in meek humility and leave at the foot of the throne the oblations of sacrifice, the inner ring would place every man who holds an office or who aspired to hold an office under tribute and like the Tammany tiger who is always sleek and fat the contributions would be dropped into a common fund and no account kept. The system advocated may be pure or intended to be pure but in practice in every case where it has been tried in New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Chicago and a score of smaller cities it has ended in scandal and boodle and the corruption exposed by the ring rule management was sufficient to make a buzzard sick. The object to be sought in every event is the elimination from the councils of the party where such practices are tolerated the opposition—well we may as well be frank about the matter once for all and say, to gag every intelligent member of the party who is in opposition to base methods, who loves the party principles above men, while those who want to choke public utterance favor men first and principles afterwards.

With such a system put in force in Multnomah county an attempt would be made to extend the system to every county in Oregon. But the PLAINDEALER has no hope that the measure will be defeated before it is foisted on the republican party but after such corrupt measures have defeated the party it is then too late to raise objections and the present time is the time to object and the PLAINDEALER hereby objects to any such

dangerous methods being foisted upon the republican party.

HIGH LIFE AT THE PENITENTIARY.

Last week a young man was pardoned from the penitentiary for good behavior. He had served 3 1/2 years of a 5-year sentence. He went to Portland and saw the sights and was well treated by a deputy or ex-deputy sheriff and at night the ex-convict and ex-deputy and the ex-deputy's wife were taking a stroll in the suburban part of the city when trouble occurred and the ex-convict beat up the ex-deputy in a fist fight and at the same time the wife decided that the ex-convict was the best man of the two so the ex-wife and ex-convict eloped by the light of the moon and nothing has been seen of them since. Perhaps this is accounted for because the entire police force of Portland is looking for the ex-sloppers. There is nothing wonderfully strange in this news item, no not even in the fact that the ex-convict was a trusty at the penitentiary and the ex-wife was the daughter of the ex-warden of the Oregon Penitentiary. What a fine time that ex-convict must have had. He must have been fed by his lady love all the elements to make love grow and abound. The PLAINDEALER extends congratulations all round.

ANARCHIST HEARST.

We have been watching the erratic actions of W. H. Hearst for the past four years and believed that he was posing as a presidential candidate. The sympathy and support given by his paper, the Chicago American, led to all the riots and strikes in Chicago for the past three years. Our attention was called to Hearst's conduct by U. S. Senator Farwell, of Illinois, who said that Hearst was undoubtedly a candidate for president on a mobocracy platform. He has been trimming his sails for the breeze to strike him and it has struck. He was endorsed at Denver by the combined building trades unions of the United States and if the labor unions of this country continue to endorse him he will be the nominee of the democratic party and Billy and Grover will be at rest except playing the harmless and innocent game of "thumb noses."

BRACE UP BOYS.

It begins to appear from all the various mushy accounts printed in the various newspapers about the dead and living popes, that the editors of nineteenth of the newspapers are as disconsolate as a two year old sucking steer who had been horned off would be in that country "where the lion roareth, the whang-doodle mourneth, and the unicorn gnasheth on the mountains of Hepzidam." Keep your conscience clean and your bowels open and the world for you will move along as well as it did before so many masses had to be said for the repose of the soul of the dead pope and so many prayers prayed for and absolution granted to the new one. Boys, do brace up and wipe your weeping eyes or Sal and the babes are apt to go hungry.

DOUGLAS COUNTY AHEAD.

The State Commission receives some curious offers of oddities to be used at the Fair. Some weeks ago a fir tree, 400 feet high and not over 36 inches in diameter at the base, was reported, and later, another tree, one-half of which was petrified and the other half still tree, was offered to the Commission. These seem a little out of the common, but Oregon produces such wonderful things that, in all probability, the Commission will have these things investigated to see if they are what is claimed for them says an editorial ready made news note sent out by Edmund C. Giltner the secretary. The tree is wonderful

but, according to our correspondent, not quite so wonderful as a tree to be found on the line of the new forest reserve east of Roseburg where there is another petrified tree of the Sugar Pine variety. One-half of the tree is petrified and the other green and suspended from two boughs are the bodies of four men two of whom, on the petrified side of the tree, died singing "O Come Angel Band" and not only are the two corpses petrified but the words of the song and sound of melody is petrified also and is to be seen and heard in its petrified state in the air, the only break in the exquisite tune being where the cord tightened around the vocal chord as the words "O bear me away on your snowy wings" turned to a wheezy, inarticulate rumble. The other two corpses were struck by lightning years ago and turned to a crystal substance and have been lowered to earth and it is found that when placed skyward the one has the power of the most powerful telescope in the world, the inhabitants of Mars being clearly seen making a wonderful machine in which they will make an excursion to the Lewis and Clarke Fair, while the other crystallized corpse can be used as a camera of such great ropus and delicacy of tone that the hair on the comet's tail can be vividly photographed. The above combination would, if exhibited, bring millions to see the fair.

Free Advertising for the Fair.

The newspapers of Oregon are strongly urged to give a lot of free advertising for the Lewis and Clarke Fair, and we presume that many in a spirit of patriotism will do so and that is their right and privilege. But if we look at the matter from a business standpoint, we see no ground for the management asking for charity work.

Portland made up a purse to push matters along before the Legislature assembled and all the lobbying expenses came out of that fund whatever was the amount. The graft went through and the originators are enjoying good fat salaries and drawing their expenses and mileage besides in working up plans to make the fair a success. All these expenses are paid either directly out of the fund raised by Portland or from the fund appropriated by the taxpayers at large. There is not a single solitary service rendered that is not paid for except the newspapers and for them the booming of the fair and making it a success is to be purely a charity job.

Now, so far as this paper is concerned our position is: We pay taxes and will have to pay just as much in proportion to the property it owns as any enterprise in Oregon and if its services are worth anything to the Fair they are worth as much proportion in cash as any other service rendered the management. If we want to attend the fair we prefer to pay our way as a business proposition for we never use or ever acknowledge receipt of the "Ticket-of-leave" identification passes by such concerns and the Press of Oregon would do well to require pay for advertising the fair the same as they do for patent medicines or any other business offered for publication.

The Jewish Massacres.

The British Government has made known to the world the report made by the Consul General of Odessa, who has just sent in his report which places the entire blame on the Russian authorities after thoroughly investigating the case. He says that the Russian soldiers stood by and in a passive manner allowed the murders and outrages to take place under their very eyes. He also states that 41 Jews were murdered and 120 wounded. Of the Christians, one boy was killed by the soldiers and 68 wounded. The Jews were robbed of

2,000,000 rubles. The report further says 880 persons were arrested for various minor offenses, 308 were lightly punished, 216 were acquitted and 360 are to be tried in October, while 100 of them are charged with murder.

Low Price for Cattle.

A news item from Dale, Or., says: Never in the history of the country has the cattle market been as unsettled as it is at the present time. Prices offered by export-buyers are extremely low, and the cattle-raisers are refusing to sell.

Crowding on top of this, there is a scarcity of hay as compared with last year, and prices are running mountain high. Hay is selling in the field at \$10 per ton, which is \$4 higher than it was last Fall. Cattle-raisers who have not a sufficient supply are trying to contract for all they can secure, but the farmer will not sell.

Again there are more cattle on the range now than last year, without any feed for them. Notwithstanding the discouraging state of affairs which confront the cattleman, he is willing to wait for further developments.

The export cattle-buyers who have been in the country have had to go to other parts because they could not secure the cattle here. The buyers give Portland quotations here at \$2.70 per hundred for cows and \$3.35 for

Board of Trade Meeting.

At the board of trade meeting called last Monday evening there was a large and enthusiastic collection of the business men of Roseburg and adjacent country. The object of the meeting, as published in the PLAINDEALER, was to remonstrate against any further additions to the Cascade Forest Reserve.

The matter of a withdrawal with a view to adding to the Forest Reserve, a large tract of land, approximately 500,000 acres, meets with the unanimous disapproval of all the residents of Douglas county. The tract of land embraced within the proposed addition, is largely land of a superior agricultural capacity, and while much of it supports wealth of timber of a high quality, the great majority of it is suitable for fruit, grain, grazing and domestic uses. A great many homesteaders have been located within the proposed withdrawal and many people are now living on their claims and cultivating their crops.

Any further Forest Reserves in this state are regarded as little short of insanity and the people should with one voice condemn any action of the government looking in that direction.

A committee consisting of Messrs. D. H. Brock, George M. Brown, Lee Wadsworth and W. W. Cardwell was appointed to draft resolutions condemning the action of the Interior department in withdrawing from settlement these lands and other lands of the state for Forest Reserve purposes.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again Saturday evening the 15 inst at which time the resolutions will be submitted for adoption.

The Vail of Monastir has been dismissed and Hussein Hilmi Pasha,

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steers. The average is \$3.75, and even better prices than that were received last year. If both the buyer and the seller continue to hold out, it is believed that there will be a number of forced sales on the part of the stockmen, and that they will sell at a loss to themselves.

Still Expects His Coming!

The Telegram correspondent says: "Lucy May Porter, alias Cecil Nason, the 10-year-old girl who unsuccessfully tried to commit suicide by taking a dose of morphine at the Central Hotel several days ago, was taken to Salem Friday evening, pursuant to an order made by the County court. The despondent girl declares she will kill herself, and her previous attempt at self-destruction is sufficient evidence that she has suicidal mania. There are three things the girl refuses to do—work, return or tell the truth. Her father, John Porter, a farmer who lives near Alleghany, on Coos river, was in Roseburg trying to persuade the girl to return home, but his pleadings were in vain. Lucy's mother died when Lucy was 7 years old. She has three brothers and two sisters in Coos county."

Why not end up the yarn by saying that the girl still expected to meet a tonsorial artist from Marshfield, and that that lather and shave man had deceived the girl or she had deluded herself by trusting in the promises of a married man.

formerly governor of Yeml, Arabia, has been appointed as his successor. An imperial irade orders a court martial to assemble at Monastir to try the assassin of M. Rosetkovski, and report on the responsibility of the officials in the murder of the Russian consul.

The Roseburg Public School.

Will open Monday, Sept. 14, with the following roll of teachers:

Prof. A. M. Sanders, principal; Miss Rose Parrott and Miss G. Golder, High School; Grade Teachers, Misses Anna B. Clarke, Addie Stewart, Jennie Cook, Aldrich, Stewart, Thompson, Joe Beyers, Evonda Erickson, Alken.

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The Packing house that is being built in Kinney Addition, will soon be furnished. Mr. Clarence Gazley is managing it.

The Ringling Bros. sublime historical spectacle passes through Roseburg on Friday night, August 29th. If Eugene and Medford would not say that it was a case of "sour grapes" we would say the show "was no good."

W. H. Parker, of the State Printers' office in Salem, was in Roseburg yesterday, looking around. We understand that he fled on a timber claim in the Roseburg country.

BORN.

FLOED, —At Boise, Idaho, Sunday, August 9, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Floed, a son.