

**THEY DON'T WANT THE OFFICES.**

A cry goes up from the republican press of the state protesting against the unwarranted and unregenerate action of the union people in actually nominating candidates for office in the various counties where they have united. They are greatly scandalized over this action of the reform forces, and very vehemently characterize it as a "scramble for office." Our friends of the G. O. P. seem to think that the reform people should be content to fight for principle and should quietly hand the offices over to the republicans all, the same as the gold democrats. Such action would no doubt be very pleasing to the republicans, and would remove their deep seated aversion to union or fusion, whichever they prefer to call it. But much as the reform forces would like to satisfy and gratify their republican friends we fear that they will not go to the extent evidently desired of them.

There is a deeply rooted belief in the breasts of these reform people that it is the offices that the republicans want after all, and that if they are given the offices and the reform people the principle, that the principle will meet the fate it has so often and regularly met at the hands of the g. o. p. before.

But to be serious, how can any party effect reform of existing evils in state or county affairs unless they get control of the offices?

Is it to be expected that the republican will carry out the reforms demanded by the democratic and peoples party if they are elected to the offices? Hardly. Then if these parties are earnest in their cry for reform the only way they can demonstrate it is to nominate and support men who have advocated these reforms, and in whom they have confidence. This is what the republicans do when they advocate anything and it is the way every other party does. This cry of "scramble for office" is one of the thinnest things that a partisan paper ever put up.

Thousands of voters are regularly held in the ranks of the g. o. p. by some specious plea of national or local danger, when their better judgment tells them that they are doing wrong and violating their trust of citizenship. For a quarter of a century the republican party has been making promises of reform and retrenchment to the people at the beginning of each campaign, only to be forgotten and broken when they were returned to power. They will come to you again, express their sympathy for your misfortunes and swear, by the great horned spoon, that they will do something for you next time. Don't believe them. That party could not help you if it would; its great high priest, Mark Hanna, does not recognize anything smaller than a corporation; he cannot grasp the meaning of citizenship.

As the clouds of war fade away on the horizon a feeling of sadness settles down on the patriotic souls of those who delight in talking war. If only we could fight our battles with high sounding words, how bloodless they would be. Let us not forget that war means devastation, agony and death. National honor and national equity can be sustained by national arbitration and the horrors of carnage and its attendant evils avoided. The shedding of blood brutalizes man, its effects extend to the generation yet unborn.

And now gentlemen, will you stand by your convictions and work for and vote for the Union ticket, or will you allow yourselves to be cajoled by the goldbug orator and monopolist press into giving the dear old despot of a party one more chance to humiliate you.

**Newport Notes.**

The family of Rev. Strayer has left for Portland to join Mr. Strayer who expects to go into business at that place.

George Hobart and family left for the valley last Friday.

Lulie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Miller, has been very ill with fever for several days but is now improving.

Mr. Flowers has a boy from Portland to stay with his family and do chores while he is in Klondike.

It is reported that John McCullem has made arrangements with Captain Lutjens to run the cannery at this place this season. Jack will run it for all it is worth, sure.

Jack Porter has bought the the Ford Brothers interest in the ranch up the bay.

Miss. Ollie Logan will begin a term of school in District 34 next Monday.

Mr. Gillette is confined to his bed with dropsy in his legs.

**The Defendant's Plea.**

And now the defendant comes into court and pleads the general issue and gives notice of off, in that she has suffered damage to the amount of several hundred million dollars damages, by the United States allowing filibustering expeditions to be fitted out in this country to aid Cuba; also for our furnishing aid and comfort to the Cubans, thus prolonging the struggle; and asks that she be allowed to recoup the balance of these damages, after the cost of the Maine is deducted. In proof of her claim she cites the case of the United States vs. Great Britain, in which the Arbitration court awarded the United States damages caused by the aid and comfort extended to the Confederacy by Great Britain.

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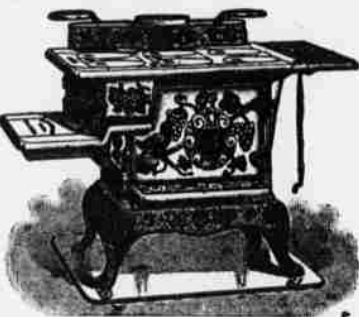
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