

**RISE OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY.**

A party cannot secure adherents sufficient to make it a factor in politics unless there is an occasion or demand for such a party. There must be some solid, cogent reasons that will induce large bodies of men to break away from parties with which they have for many years affiliated and join in the formation of a new party, in opposition thereto. Let us consider whether there was any justification for the formation of the People's party, now the chief factor in the Union party of Oregon.

The Peoples' party sprang from the organization known as the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union. This was a non-partisan society, having for its purpose the study and discussion of all questions relating to their mutual welfare. In studying the economical conditions of the country, they found they had but little representation in the government, and that agriculture was discriminated against, in favor of banking, manufacturing and commercial interests. In a petition, signed by five hundred thousand farmers, they stated their grievance, and presented it to the house of the 51st congress, of which body Hon. William McKinley was chairman of the ways and means committee. The petitioners asked relief through the "sub-treasury system," or legislation in that line such as the wisdom of congress might deem best. The sub-treasury was a plea for a flexible system which would expand the currency when more was needed and shrink it when the demand had passed away. A letter to Hon. Wm. McKinley, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house in the 51st congress, by C. W. Macune, chairman of the legislative committee of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, clearly and succinctly set forth the abuse which the sub-treasury system was designed to correct. This abuse was that there was but one billion dollars to do the business of the whole country; that agriculture steps in during the last four months in the year with about five billion dollars' worth of products which she offers for and must have money. The billion dollars in the four months must do an increased business of five times its volume. This enables those who have money to buy the products of the farm during that season for but little more money than it cost the farmer to produce them. "No man can deny that it is a systematic robbery of the farmer to have a financial system established by law that will contract so as to depress prices at the season he is compelled to sell the products of his labor."

This much is given in reference to the sub-treasury plan to show that reason and justice were in the petition; that as commerce and manufactures, the government itself, are dependent on agriculture for their being, this petition should have received the most serious attention of the financiers of congress. Was it so considered? No. It was referred to committee, thrown into waste basket and no answer whatever given to the farmers. But the papers, subsidized by the Money Power, turned loose their batteries of abuse and ridicule on the "hayseeders," sneered at their sub-treasury plan as class legislation, and told them, in these exact words, to "go home, work harder, be more economical, keep out of politics, and all will be well."

Is it any wonder that the farmers, finding that petitions were but as throwing turf at thieving boys in the apple tree, now determined to throw rocks that would hurt and plenty of them.

**THE BANKERS' PETITION.**

About the same time a convention of bankers was held in Baltimore, and they sent a delegation to Washington to advocate their interests before congress. We have before us a "report of the committee on banking and currency, together with hearings, on H. R. 8141," embracing features proposed by the bankers. The pamphlet contains 370 large, closely printed pages. The congressional committee sat day after day listening to and questioning the bankers in relation to banking and currency through almost all of this book. How patient and considerate to the silk-tiled gentlemen! Three hundred and seventy pages for a few bankers—not one word for 500,000 "hayseed" farmers! Don't that look like "a government of the bankers, by the bankers, for the bankers."

Geer told his assembly that we have \$24 per capita in circulation—\$24 for every man, woman and child! It would be safe to wager they had not \$2, and there were no babies in the crowd either. If the money is in the banks it don't count, and you cannot get it without exchanging value for it, and by that means putting it in circulation.

**OPPOSE BONDS.**

The order of the Knights of Labor has sent a circular letter to every member of congress denouncing the proposed increase of the interest-bearing debt, alleging that sooner or later the debt must be paid by the laboring man. They say "the nation is not in danger; we are not fighting the world, but only a very small and decrepit corner of it. If our navy cannot protect our shores, the proceeds of these bonds cannot build another in time to save us."

Five hundred million dollars of coin bonds, running twenty years, means the transfer of three hundred million dollars of property of the people to the Money Power without any consideration whatever. If our government is not strong enough to lick Spain without the aid of a pitiful lot of cowardly vampires in Wall street, it should go out of business. Do these bloodsuckers make the ships, guns and powder? Do they fight the battles? If they did not exist, could the United States build war-ships, make guns and powder, and whip Spaniards? Why should the Money Power get a rake-off of \$300,000,000, drawn from the toil of the people, out of this war?

Republican speakers have the gall to tell us that we now have good times and that wages are high—yes, higher than under the double standard! Eight and ten years ago laborers in this vicinity were working in the quarries at from two to three dollars per day, were dyking tide lands, and working in sawmills and logging camps at the same rate: gangs of white men had regular work on the railroad at \$1.65 a day, and there was plenty of work for all. Now, Japs have taken the places of the white men, and it is but rarely a man can get a chance to earn one dollar per day. The man who can get \$15 a month thinks he has a bonanza. Farms and town lots will not sell for over one-third as much as they would have sold for in 1898, but the repeal of the mortgage tax law has doubled taxes, and that is the sole evidence we have of McKinley-Geer prosperity.

Mr. Porter, in the last census report, tells us that each day's labor, in connection with machinery, increased the wealth of the country seven dollars per day. In the same republican document we are shown that the average daily wage of the laborer [when he could get work] was ninety cents per day; that is, for each seven dollars earned by the laborer taxation and owners of machinery took six dollars and ten cents, leaving ninety cents for the sustenance of the laborer, Mollie and the children! Just think of it! Why if the producers of the land fully understood how greatly they are being wronged by indirect taxation and the exactions of capital, they would rise in their might and hurl the traitorous scoundrels from the Tarpeian rock, as did the country-loving Romans of old.

**A WORD FOR MR. LYMAN**  
From President of Philomath College.

Editor Corvallis Times: In reply to inquiries regarding the qualifications of Prof. H. S. Lyman, Union candidate for State School Superintendent, I am personally acquainted with him, having been associated with him in literary and educational work for a number of years. He is an Oregon boy, born at Dallas in 1855. He is a graduate of Pacific University, Oregon, and Oberlin College, O. Since 1882 he has devoted his entire time to the educational interests of our state. He has an excellent record as a teacher, and for the past six years has been the popular school superintendent of Clatsop county.

As a historical and editorial writer he has no superior in the state. His sterling integrity, combined with energy and determination, has given him complete success in all his literary and educational enterprises. He is modest and retiring in his disposition, but untiring in his zeal for the upbuilding of our state. His thorough classical training, combined with his extensive practical experience in educational lines, will enable him to give our department of public instruction a dignity and efficiency that will command the respect of all educators.

J. M. C. MILLER.

**OPEN LETTER TO G. M. BROWN,**  
Republican Candidate for Dist't Atty.

COQUILLE CITY, Or. April 27, 1898.  
To G. M. Brown, nominee for district attorney for the second judicial district—

Dear Sir: You were the duly elected and acting district attorney for the second judicial district, state of Oregon, for the term ending July 1, 1896.

As such district attorney you issued subpoenas for the following witnesses to appear before the grand jury at the October (1895) term of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Coos county, to-wit: Mrs. Clara Lewis, residence near Bandon, Oregon, and Walter Patterson, residence Roseburg, Oregon. These persons did not appear before said grand jury, and there is no record stating cause why they were not called to so appear. The total expense to Coos county for these witnesses was \$37.40.

Section 1508 of the Code gives district attorneys unlimited authority to issue subpoenas for witnesses within the state to appear before the grand jury in sup-

port of the prosecution. In case such authority is used for other than legitimate purposes, the only redress the people have is by an action before the proper tribunals.

While such subpoenas may have been issued by you legitimately, nevertheless under the circumstances it may appear otherwise.

Therefore, since you are again a candidate for the same office, the undersigned, members of the county court of Coos county, Oregon, without partisan bias, but conscientious in their belief that it is their duty to the people of Coos county, Oregon, request you to make a full explanation of said matter, and vindicate yourself from any suspicion which may have resulted from the facts as herein stated. Respectfully yours,  
J. HENRY SCHROEDER, Co. Judge.  
B. F. ROSS, }  
I. T. WEEKLY, } Commissioners.

Direct legislation is a method of securing reforms. It is also the only plan which has yet been proposed that will do away with corruption in politics.

**THE UNION STATE PLATFORM.**

"United in a common cause for the sacred purpose of preserving the principles of government by the whole people, in fact as well as in name, restoring and maintaining equality, under that government, of all classes, we, the peoples democratic and silver republican parties of the state of Oregon, waiving all points of difference, and uniting for the purpose of carrying out the great underlying principles, and to the carrying out of which we solemnly pledge each and every candidate upon our united ticket:

First—We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of foreign nations, and we are unalterably opposed to the policy of the present republican administration in demanding the retirement of greenbacks, and the turning over of the money-making power of the government to the national banks, as presented by the bill drawn by the republican secretary of the treasury, and endorsed by President McKinley, and we especially denounce the avowed attempt by said bill to fasten the country irrevocably and forever to the single gold standard.

We demand a national money, safe and sound, issued by the general government only, without the intervention of banks of issue, to be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private; also a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people through the lawful disbursements of the government.

We demand that the volume of circulating medium be speedily increased to an amount sufficient to meet the demands of the business and population of this country and to restore the just level of prices of labor and production.

We favor such legislation as will prevent for the future the demonetization of any kind of legal tender money by private contract.

We demand that the government, in payment of its obligations, shall use its option as to the kind of lawful money in which they are to be paid, and we denounce the present and preceding administrations for surrendering this option to the holders of government obligations.

We demand that there shall be no further issue of United States interest bearing bonds.

We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the savings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

We demand the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

We demand the Initiative and Referendum system of law making in its optional form, local, state and national; and the submission by congress of all important national questions for an advisory vote of the people, until such time as the national constitution shall have been amended so as to provide for direct legislation.

We condemn as dangerous and unjust the surrender, in all the departments of the government, to the influence of trusts, corporations and aggregations of wealth generally; and the packing of the highest courts of the land with corporation lawyers, too ready to do the will of their late employers, and to set aside valid and wholesome laws passed by the states and government, upon flimsy pretexts, at the behests of such institutions.

We are opposed to government by injunction.

In state matters we demand:  
A simple and well guarded registration law.

A more equitable mode of appointing judges of election.

Stringent laws to regulate the operation of fish traps, fish wheels and all fishing gear in the waters within the jurisdiction of the state.

We denounce and condemn the corrupt and extravagant republican legislative assemblies and charge that the republican party, in its eagerness for the spoils of office, has become divided into warring factions, to that it is incapable of government, as exemplified by the condition existing in the office of the state treasurer, there being at this time more than a half million of dollars therein wrung from the people by the process of taxation, while state warrants are stamped "Not paid for want of funds."

We demand that all district and county officers be placed upon salaries commensurate with the duties to be performed by them.

Inasmuch as railroad and other corporate property is not bearing its proportion of taxation, we demand that such property shall bear its just and equal share of the expenses of government.

**FOR SALE.**

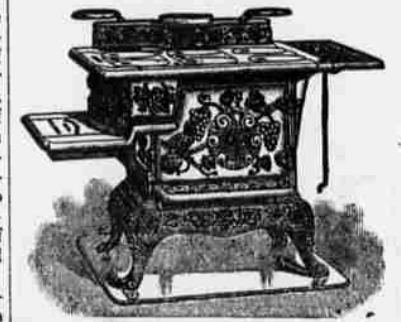
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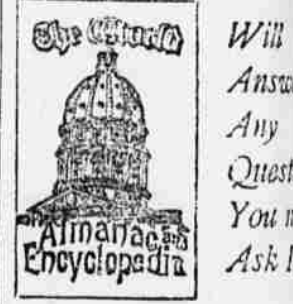
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Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon  
April 16th, 1898.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intent to make final proof in support of his claim to said land, to-wit: Benjamin Beers, of the county of Lincoln, state of Oregon, on the 28th day of May, 1898, to-wit:  
BENJAMIN BEERS, H. E. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.