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ARNOLD TRIUMPHANT.

Surveyor-General Arnold has given the democracy of the state of Oregon to understand that he is surveyor-general; that he purposes running the office to suit himself; that he will keep his republican clerk as long as he pleases, which he says will be during his own incumbency of the office; and that, to put it briefly, the democracy of Oregon could go to the d— for all he cared. Mr. Arnold boldly asserts that when the administration appointed Mr. John C. Arnold, the democracy of Oregon was sufficiently recognized. He further states that the work of the office is of a "technical and scientific character," which Mr. John C. Arnold evidently thinks is reason enough why a democrat should not be entrusted with it.

We heartily agree with Surveyor-General Arnold, and admire the manner in which his sabre cuts of Saxon speech slice the Gordian knot; but, as we stated once before, General Arnold stops short of the legitimate and logical conclusions of the premises that he sets up. Arnold should set forth this same state of facts to his superior in office at Washington. He should state frankly and fully that the work of the office was of a "technical and scientific character;" that it was just technical enough for a republican and too scientific for a democrat; and he should append this statement, to emphasize it, to his resignation. If the work in the office is too technical for a democrat, and Surveyor-General Arnold asserts it is, he should turn it over at once to a republican. There may be, though, some salvation for Mr. Arnold. It was asserted at the time the administration ran its fine-toothed comb through the Oregon democracy's hair in search of talent, that the marks upon Mr. Arnold's back (political marks) were not such as to convey the idea that he belonged to the old breed. In fact, the straight-out unterrified ticklers of the democratic scalp asserted that certain dark spots indicated a leaning towards republicanism that was superinduced by the fact that he had lately left that fold, and that his yearnings after the flesh pots of the old party were only permanently overcome by the generous supply of leeks and onions, manna and quail, and other toothsome morsels found in the pickings of the office of surveyor-general of the great state of Oregon; morsels which he felt would be more delectable and deglutitory when the culinary department, which possessed both "technical and scientific characteristics" was presided over by a republican chief.

Of course it is none of our pie. It is a matter for the unterrified, the untechnical and the unscientific to settle among themselves. It is gratifying, however, to note the charming frankness with which the local talent selected by the administration for the most obese offices in the state, with one accord come to the front and admit that they know enough to draw their salaries, but that the democratic ranks do not contain a man brainy enough to do the work. It is perhaps true, though we really always supposed the old gag about democrats not being able to read, while having perhaps a legitimate foundation in truth, was but a playful and humorous exaggeration. We are astonished, and withal pleased, that the demonstration is made that the gag was true. It makes us think better of our fellowmen, when those fellowmen are democrats, because it serves to excuse them for many acts of foolishness. We can now understand why they wanted free trade, and Wilson, and Gresham, and Queen Lil, and whole lots of that kind of trash that they had no use for.

But this is a digression. We appreciate the position Mr. Arnold is placed in, and admire his bold stand in the interests of the people. We have not the pleasure of the surveyor-general's acquaintance, but we know he is the man for the place, and so does he. He is monarch of all he surveys, and he intends to run his man Friday, to suit himself. Against his office door the stormy waves of a wild and raging democracy may beat, but they beat in vain. The storms may whistle round his fortress, but what cares he? His salary is assured, and he has a principle, in fact all the principles he has behind him.

Judge Moore at Spokane recently decided that all persons in Washington who had been divorced and had married again within six months, were illegally married, and consequently not married

at all. As there are some forty cases of this kind, the decision has caused quite a stir. The case will be taken to the supreme court, but in the meanwhile parties whom the decision affects do not know whether to get married again, or not; and if they do not, they hardly know just what position they are occupying.

Governor McKinley says that if the republican party comes out for free silver he will have nothing to do with the nomination. It is quite probable that Governor McKinley will have nothing to do with the nomination, no matter what the republican party may see fit to do concerning silver. There are much larger fish in the republican pond than W. McKinley of Ohio, Tom Reed of Maine for one, and Allison of Iowa for half a dozen.

Judge Stephens of Portland has broken the record by actually sending Rev. J. C. Read, who was acquitted of the charge of attempting to rob a bank, on the ground that he was insane, to the asylum. Evidently the moral wave struck the feet of the goddess of Justice, for the thing is entirely out of the usual order.

Kincaid is Displeased.

It was the general understanding that the members of the state board who visited the site for the Eastern Oregon asylum last Saturday, were highly pleased with the selection made by the former board. But a Salem dispatch to the Sun contains a different report, and this latter report will no doubt call for a more complete explanation from the secretary of state. The dispatch says: "Secretary of State Kincaid is greatly displeased with the site of the Eastern Oregon branch asylum. He states that the location is bad, the land low and not adapted to the raising of such articles necessary for an asylum, and the climate is anything but favorable for the benefit of the insane's health. The other members have not returned to Salem, and their opinion on the subject has not been ascertained."

The Major—I'd make him apologize or fight. The Judge—That's the disagreeable part of it. He'll fight without being made to.—Detroit Free Press.

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