

THE REASON GIVEN.

The democratic leaders over in Oregon are rubbing their eyes trying to look surprised and wondering why that state rolled up largely increased republican majorities, says the Walla Walla Union. They pretend not to understand.

The leaders of Oregon democracy have been in a sort of dream for weeks. They have imagined that the people believed their humbug about imperialism; they tickled each other with stories of how they were pulling the wool over the ordinary voter's eyes in telling him that this government would go to the bow wows and become a monarchy if he did not vote against the republican party; they conjured up a lot of silly nonsense about the Porto Rican tariff being a crime and imagined that they could blind the voter into believing their weak tales; they wilfully lied about the administration of President McKinley and against the policy of the republican party in regard to expansion and the protection of American holdings under the American flag, and they stopped at no argument, however untrue, however puerile, however malicious, that they believed would deceive the voter as to the real work of the republican party.

Having set this trap for votes and having thus baited it with misrepresentation, abuse, dishonor, unpatriotic sentiment and almost treasonable utterances, they now pretend to wonder that the democratic voter did not step into it.

The fact is the fight in Oregon was a state fight upon national issues. This was forced by the Portland Oregon and the republican party. The demand had been made upon the voters for weeks to stand by the republican congressmen if they favored the present republican policy and to elect republicans to the legislature if it was desired to send a member to the United States senate who would uphold the president.

The people have answered. In democratic localities some democratic county officers have been elected, but the republican vote was greater than any one anticipated on the state and legislative tickets. Many democrats voted for the supremacy of the American nation, for its expansion where natural and necessary, for the development of foreign trade, and for the sound money policy now in force. It is the voice of the people of a great state sounding the praises of the national party in power and saying "Well done thou good and faithful servants."

The people of Oregon are safe. Oregon is solid in the republican column. After a hot campaign in which the national issues were clearly stated, a majority of over 8000 has been recorded for the head of the state ticket, while McKinley in 1896 received a plurality of only 2117. The lesson is a good one, and will have its effect all over the union.

Republican Party Hyu Skookum.

Even the Indian has caught the idea that prosperity prevails during republican times, and expresses it in his own way. No democratic influences can teach him to believe that Bryan is skookum when he cannot get good rents for his wheat land or plenty to eat and wear. It gives him the spirit to hunt deer and to treat his wife and pony well. The La Grande Journal contains the following in a recent issue:

"Red Bones," a Umatilla brave, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Red Bones was in Umatilla county when the spot where Pendleton now stands was a mole hill. In response to a question propounded to Mr. Red Bones as to the political situation in his part of the country, he said: "Mr. McKinley skookum; republican party hyu skookum. Democratic party no skookum. When democratic party work for Uncle Sam Injin ponies all die; no deer in the mountains; Injins fight-squaws all

mad all time; no get much to eat. The Great Spirit he mad then. When the republican party work for Uncle Sam everything skookum; lots of deer in the mountains; Injin ponies fat; squaws all happy; Great Spirit good then all time; Injin ponies worth \$20 a head. Injins all vote republican party all time. Bilan no good; talk all time, no do nothing."

RAVAGES OF PLAGUE.

Historical Mortality List of the Dread Disease.

The Scourge of India Dates from the Second and Third Centuries, B. C.—Horror of the Epidemic.

The following figures convey an idea of the fearful ravages of the bubonic plague from the time of the first historical record of its existence: The history of bubonic plague dates from the second and third centuries before Christ, and two Alexandrian physicians, Dioscorides and Posidonius, who were contemporaries of Christ, have left a description of the disease which leaves no doubt that it was the same as that of modern times. The plague never died out, but it was not until the middle of the fourteenth century that the horrible epidemic known as the "black plague" visited Europe and caused the death of more than 25,000,000 people. The disease was epidemic in London in 1348, 1361 and 1368. In 1352 two-thirds of the academic population of Oxford died of it. It was again epidemic in London in 1400, 1406, 1428, 1472 and 1496. In 1466 over 40,000 persons died of it in Paris. In 1563 it broke out again in London, and the mortality was more than 1,000 per week. In 1572 Lyons lost 50,000 of its population from the plague. In 1575 it visited Venice and carried off 70,000 persons. In 1603 the mortality of another epidemic in London reached 38,000. In 1603 an epidemic in Egypt is said to have resulted in the death of 1,000,000 people. An epidemic in London, in 1625, caused a mortality of 35,000, and in 1636 more than 10,000 Londoners were carried off. In 1656 there was a terrific epidemic which carried off 30,000 in Naples, 60,000 in Genoa and 14,000 in Rome. In 1665 a fresh epidemic in London resulted in the death of 68,500 people. This is the first absolutely accurate estimate on record. In 1679 Vienna lost 76,000 by plague and in 1681 Prague lost 82,000. In 1704 Stockholm had an epidemic, with about 40,000 fatal cases. In 1720 an epidemic in Marseilles carried off from 40,000 to 60,000 people. In 1770 and 1771 the plague killed 300,000 people in Moldavia, Wallachia, Transylvania, Hungary and Poland, and in the same year one-fourth of the population of Moscow died of plague. Since that time there have been frequent outbreaks of the disease, and it has constantly existed in Lower Hindostan and about Constantinople, but there have been no really great epidemics. Coming to recent times, Bombay suffered an epidemic in 1896. In January the mortality was nearly 5,000, and in February, 4,600. The total mortality in the presidency of Bombay has been 164,983. In Puna, last August, there was an average of 160 deaths a day in a population of 60,000.

It is a remarkable fact that Europeans seem scarcely susceptible to the disease nowadays and are able to withstand its ravages when infected. During the recent outbreak in Hong-Kong only 11 Europeans were attacked, and the mortality in their cases was but 18.2 per cent. Among Japanese (10 cases) the mortality was 60 per cent., among Portuguese residents (18 cases) the mortality was 66 per cent., and among Chinese (2,619 cases) the mortality was 93.4 per cent.

Dr. George M. Sternberg, L. L. D., in an interesting article in the Geographic Magazine, says:

"I shall have the satisfaction of stating that preventive medicine has made such progress during the past 50 years that there is very little danger that bubonic plague will ever again commit serious ravages in the more enlightened countries of Europe or that it is a serious menace to the lives and prosperity of citizens of the United States."

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Saturday, the 23d day of June, 1900. He names as witnesses: J. B. Gott, D. E. Ketchum, Joseph Hanna and William Spencer, all of the Dalles, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23rd day of June, 1900. apr18-1mW JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

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