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The Questions at Issue before the People of Oregon Today.

LETTER FROM F. W. VINCENT

REPLIES TO STATEMENT MADE BY G. A. HARTMAN.

The Record of the Report Made by a Committee of the Commercial Association in Connection With County Affairs.

Pendleton, May 16.—(To the Editor.)—Hon. G. A. Hartman, in replying to the Tribune, makes the following remarks: "Yes, the Commercial Association did investigate the county's affairs about this time and Dr. F. W. Vincent had the particular duty of investigating the sheriff's office, and he found it so rotten that no publication of the conduct of the office was made, etc."

Mr. Hartman writes under a misapprehension of facts. The Commercial Association did at that time appoint a committee consisting of Sam P. Sturgis, C. S. Jackson, A. J. Borie, H. C. Guernsey and the undersigned, to make a complete and detailed report of the expenses of each department of the county's business, for the purpose of finding where and how expenses could be cut down, by first finding what contributed to make these expenses. It was agreed in the Commercial Association that there should be no partisanship in the work and no report should be made except as to the laws necessary, in the future, to cut down the expenses of

conducting the county's business. The principal aim of the work was to show the necessity of doing away with the fee system and putting the different offices on flat salaries. We were to make no investigation as to the correctness of the fees charged in any office; but were to compile the accounts as they were presented and paid by the county court, under their respective heads. The only errors, if there were any, was in the footings, which, of course, we would find in making our general balance. My work was not to compile the accounts of the sheriff's office, as stated by Hon. G. A. Hartman, but to make a complete statement of the cash of each criminal case. This investigation led me through the various departments of justice; first, the justice court, including fees of constables or sheriff, then the circuit court, including fees of prosecuting attorney, sheriff, clerk, jury, etc.

Each case was placed under the name of the criminal charged with the crime, all the expenses incurred by the county in his case was thus shown separately in each department, which his case passed through.

I positively deny, that I found anything "rotten" either in the sheriff's or clerk's offices, but I did find that the fee system was all wrong and recommended that the law be changed, going away with the system entirely and substituting the flat salary system instead. After we had completed our work, compiling the

accounts of the different departments of the county's government. It was turned over to Samuel P. Sturgis, who, with our assistance, compiled the reports into one final report, which was printed and distributed to the taxpayers of Umatilla county. My work and recommendations were published just as they came from my pen, for the consideration of the "man behind the gun," the taxpayer. That the Commercial Association did much towards repealing the fee system, I have no doubt, and as one of that same committee, I can say I am just as anxious to give the same medicine to the state offices.

I respectfully refer any person wishing to verify the above statement to any of the above committee or to the pamphlet as published, now on file in the Commercial Association.

F. W. VINCENT.

ENDORSE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

The Records of Republican Congressmen; What They Have Done.

Republican papers of Oregon are appealing to voters to support the republican state and congressional ticket, regardless of personalities of candidates, because it will have an important influence upon the national republican party in elections next fall. This appeal will bear investigation by thinking people. Voters are, by it asked to endorse the republican party, its past as well as its recent acts. Let us see what such an endorsement means. Let us investigate the most recent acts of the republican party in congress, and see if the people of Oregon, other republicans or democrats, want to endorse them.

The republican majority in congress has been making record pretty rapidly

ly of late, and if they want approval from the people of Oregon this record should be inquired into.

Let us first turn to the ship subsidy bill. Mr. Hanna, the recognized head of the republican party, is its author and sponsor. By his efforts it was passed through the senate. We do not believe this bill has the approval of the republicans of Oregon any more than it has the approval of the democrats of Oregon. Its purpose is to take the money raised by taxation from the people and give it to ship companies. A vote for the republican ticket in Oregon this year would be an endorsement of this bill, and would be used by Mr. Hanna as a lever to force the passage of the bill through the house. Do the people of Oregon want to place this club in the hands of Mr. Hanna?

Only a few days ago the republican majority in congress defeated the most important feature in the Mitchell-Kahn Chinese exclusion bill. Republicans and democrats of Oregon alike oppose unrestricted Chinese immigration. Republicans and democrats of the entire Pacific coast approved the Mitchell-Kahn exclusion bill as it was prepared by the Pacific coast delegation. Shall the people of Oregon at the coming election discredit themselves by saying they endorse the action of the majority in congress on the Chinese bill. A vote for the republican state ticket cannot be viewed in any other light. It would be a confession that we did not mean what we said when we asked for a strict exclusion law.

The only logical claim that has been made for the retention of the Philippine Islands is that it will increase our trade; give us an outlet in the Orient for our surplus products. What does the republican majority in congress propose doing on this line? What is their most recent expression? It is to enforce the full Dingley tariff on commerce between the states and the islands. That is that we are to retain the islands at an expense of from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 a year and get nothing in return in the way of trade relations. Every article we sell the islands is to be taxed; every article we buy from them must pay a duty. If there is to be a profit in trade with the islands, the Pacific coast would derive the greatest benefit. Now, shall the people of Oregon say they endorse the policy that puts a tariff barrier between them and the coveted island trade? Or will they endorse the policy of the democrat—to treat the islands as territories and establish free trade between them and the states?

Then there is the Nicaragua canal bill, a thing cherished by every Oregonian. The dispatches from Washington say it has been shelved by the railroad influence. Who is responsible for this shelving, the minority or the majority? Do the people of Oregon want to endorse the action of the majority on this measure, by supporting the republican state ticket?

The cost of endorsing republican principles at this time comes too high for Oregon. The state cannot afford it. The state cannot say it favors the ship subsidy bill, unrestricted Chinese immigration, railroad domination, to kill the Nicaragua canal, shutting off commerce with the insular possession, division of forestry in the agricultural millions of dollars to establish. The Dalles Times-Mountaineer.

RECEPTION TO BALL PLAYERS.

A War Dance One of the Features of the Entertainment.

Arrangements are being completed for the dance and reception in Music hall Monday night in favor of the Pendleton baseball team, which is expected home Saturday from their trip. This reception is being gotten up by the Pendleton rooters, and they met last night at the council rooms and appointed the following committees: General Arrangements—Roy Ritter, Fred Crawford, Lee W. Held, Fred W. Lampkin, Charles E. Bond. Floor—Frank Frazier, J. E. Krause, Harry C. Thompson, Ernest Tatum, Charles E. Bean.

Decoration—Homer V. Carpenter, Eldred B. Waffle, Roy Alexander, Mark Moorhouse, Clarence Penland. War Dance—Glen Bushee, R. W. Fletcher, Dean Shull.

The war dance is expected to be an entertaining feature of the reception, and those who have never witnessed a real war dance will enjoy it.

Texas Epworth League.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 16.—The state convention of the Epworth league, which began here today, is the largest meeting in point of attendance ever held by the society in Texas. An interesting programme has been arranged for the sessions which are to continue through Sunday. Among the distinguished participants are Bishop Candler of Georgia, Bishop Galloway of Mississippi, President Denny of Vanderbilt university and Bishop Fitzgerald of Tennessee.

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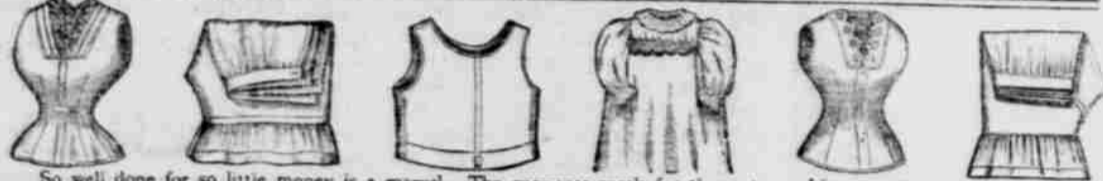
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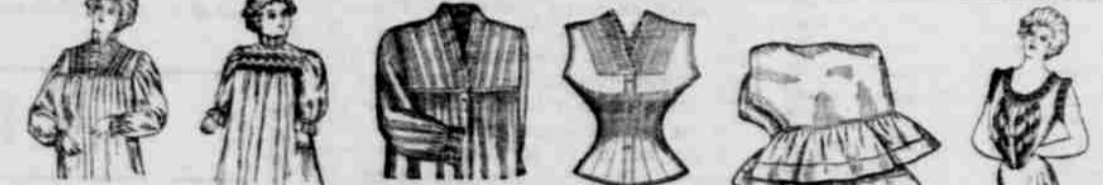
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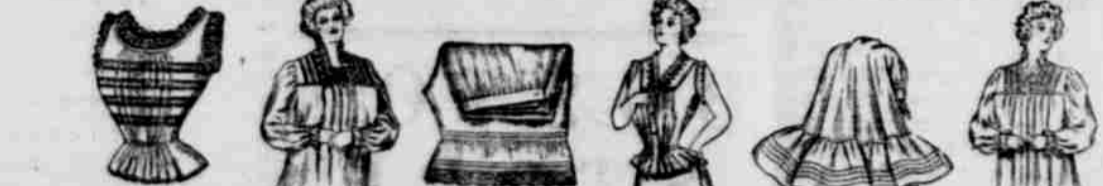
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