

THE TWO GREAT PARTIES.

No one has a right to claim for the Republican party that all of its adherents have primarily been correct in every position. Neither has it a right to claim that each and every one of its political opponents have been wrong on all proposals. But the Republican party has a right to and does claim that the mature Republican judgment as acted upon by the party has been reasonably sound, consistent, and when put into practice worked out the best results for the people. It also claims that the consensus of opposing opinion has usually been wrong, and that not wrong primarily it has been wrong after mature deliberation, that it has seldom been consistent with itself for any great number of consecutive years.

Space at the present time will only permit referring to the record of the two old parties on the subject of banks and banking. There is no question so essential to the prosperity and commercial advancement of a people as sound financial policies. Great Britain, France, Germany and most commercial countries of Europe, have great central government banks, such as the "Bank of England," the "Imperial Bank of Germany," the "Bank of France." These institutions, under proper legislative restrictions, issue currency (not coin) for the use of the people, and in aid of commerce. Under the Act of Congress of 1791 drawn by Hamilton and signed by Washington, "the father of our country," the "Bank of the United States" was organized, but when the charter was about to expire in 1811 a bill to renew it was defeated. In 1816 another United States bank was chartered and in 1832 a bill to renew its charter passed both houses of congress, but was vetoed by President Jackson. Having killed what was designed to be a bank on similar lines to the Bank of England and the Bank of France, it would have seemed regular for him to recommend some financial plan instead, but he recommended nothing whatever. It would seem that the then Democratic congress should have framed and passed a law establishing some better financial plan for the country, but it did not, and subsequently the history of the country details the establishing of state banks and then issuing paper and wildcat currency which in a short time brought on financial wreckage all over the country. This was done under state laws, and in pursuance of the democratic idea of state rights and the greatest liberality to the individual regardless of the rights and welfare of the public. The Republican party believes that the plan of a central bank like the old United States Bank, Bank of England, and Bank of France, is not the best plan, yet it was better than no financial plan.

When the Republican party came into power it evolved a plan, instead of creating a central government bank as stated and adopted by the governments of Europe, it authorized a large number of national banks, placed them under the supervision and control of the United States Treasury Department, and gave them authority to issue redeemable paper currency under proper safeguards and restrictions. The result has been that in over forty years the currency issued by the national banks not a dollar has been lost to the people and it circulates on a par with gold in every part of the world. The Republican party does not claim that the national bank system is absolutely perfect, but they do claim and all able finan-

ciars admit that the national bank system is the best system known or ever devised by man. For its existence the people are indebted to the Democratic party for three votes in both houses of congress on the bill when it passed. We submit to the intelligent judgment of our readers which was the best, the opinion and judgment of the Republican or the Democratic party on the great financial plans which have been before the country.

Corvallis Expands.

Last Monday night the question of extension of the city limits again came up for discussion at the meeting of the city council. When it was first proposed to extend, several weeks ago, an emphatic remonstrance was signed by almost every property holder who would be effected by the move, and at the meeting of the council last week, this petition was presented to the city dads, and created quite a stir. The question was quite thoroughly gone over and discussed, pro and con, and at last was referred to a committee who were instructed to more thoroughly look into and consider the proposed extension.

Last Monday night the committee reported; and the question was again freely discussed, and for a time it seemed as though no action would be taken in time for the proposition to go before this legislature. But after a long and heated argument, in which a number of different motions were made, some for dropping the whole matter and others for taking in every foot of the proposed additions, the matter was at last put to a final vote, about one o'clock in the morning, which decided to annex the proposed northern and western suburbs, and leave the addition just south of Marys river out. This decision was highly pleasing to property holders in south Corvallis, but rather disappointing to the western and northern residents, who did not want the additional city taxes without a proportionate increase in benefits.

As the extension of the city limits was nothing but a cold-blooded business proposition, according to several councilmen's views of the matter, it was their desire to only take in as much additional property as could be taxed without the city having too much additional expense in protecting and lighting the new territory. On account of there being several bridges in the southern suburbs that would fall to the city to keep in repair, and also because it would be such a hard matter to give fire and police protection, without a great additional expense, the council decided to leave that costly part of town out in the cold, which was perfectly satisfactory to those residents.

The bill for enclosing the proposed additions inside the city limits will have to be passed by the state legislature before the additions can come under the city tax and laws. It is thought the bill will be passed during this term of the legislature.

Appreciate the Flag.

The Corvallis Fire Department hereby desires to express its appreciation of the interest shown by its many friends in supporting the Department in the flag contest. The flag will be given a prominent position in the City Hall, so draped as to be an ornament to the Firemen's Hall, and will remain a testimonial of good will of the citizens and serve as a stimulus to future efficient service.

COMMITTEE. The above refers to the handsome, big silk United States flag which was offered by a club of Corvallis merchants to the most popular organization in this city, a vote being given by the merchants with a certain amount cash purchase. The Firemen won the flag January 1, by about 5000 majority, the OAC being a close competitor.

Jim. Berry is out on Muddy Creek, about 15 miles south of Corvallis, this week slaughtering ducks. The reports are that there are great numbers of ducks on the flats in that vicinity and sportsmen are killing hundreds of the birds.

CORRESPONDENTS' CORNER.

Oak Grove Chips.

Mr. George Beamis made a trip to the county seat Tuesday.

Mr. John Mayberry made a business trip to Independence Thursday.

Supervisor Wentz attended the session of the county court last Wednesday.

Mr. Charles Baundy sold one span of his horses recently receiving \$350 for the same.

Willard Canthorn, of Oak creek, Linn county, was calling on relatives here Sunday.

D. N. and Wiley Williamson, of Albany, were visiting relatives here Monday.

Rev. T. W. Lawner filled the Oak Grove pulpit Sunday, he aims to begin a series of meetings Tuesday evening.

The party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Altermatt last Wednesday evening was a very enjoyable affair. The guests were entertained royally, and all present expressed themselves as having a good time.

Drury Hodges, of Wells is reported as being quite poorly, he has been confined to the house for some time with rheumatism.

The Oak Grove debating society or organized last Saturday evening by electing Homer Moor president, Henry Karstens vice president, and Palline Karstens secretary.

A petition was circulated and signed by over forty petitioners, asking the county court to appoint Dillard Price supervisor of road district No 5 this county.

Bellfountain.

Mrs. E. H. Belknap and Mrs. J. H. Edwards went to Halsey to assist in a protracted meeting which is being held by Rev. Skidmor.

Under the auspices of Rev. Beery, the Evangelist, a Christian class of a dozen or more members has been organized.

The school here began Monday with a few new pupils and lively interest.

A Free Delivery mail route has been started off in this community, which covers a distance of twenty-five miles and will accommodate full as many homes.

Treed by a Billy Goat.

A good story on some woodchoppers has just reached town. Out on the Rader place there is a gang of men chopping wood. There is also a billy goat of wide reputation in the neighborhood, and like all billy goats he likes fun and tomato cans above all things else. Now this billy, from some cause or other, seems to have taken a great dislike to these woodsmen, and seriously objects to having his peace and quiet disturbed by the sound of axes, or else he thinks to secure a good meal from the full dinner pails of the workmen.

About noon every day Mr. Billy makes a sudden appearance, with the speed of a locomotive, directly in the rear and within close proximity of the south side of one of the stooping sawyer's overalls. Usually, though, billy is not quite quick enough, as practice has made the men so active that they are on top of the woodpile or half way up a tree in the twinkling of an eye, and billy knocks the bark off the saw-log instead of the soft side of a pair of denims. Then billy is in his glory. He sits around and grins, or chews up a few coats, while the workmen almost destroy their own fort by throwing all the wood at their enemy. If any one dare venture from his stronghold billy shows the whites of his eyes and with a whiff or two is all ready for business, and from his looks is quite willing to juggle a whole crew of woodchoppers on his horns, which they say are at least six feet long. But after about a hour's fun, by which the treed men have sought out and sat upon the soft side of every limb on the tree, Mr. Billy quietly and contentedly trots off with an expression of victory on his face as though he had conquered the whole Japanese army.

Four Hundred Babies.

St. Vincent's Infant Asylum, Chicago, shelters homeless waifs awaiting adoption, and there are nearly 400 babies there. Sister Julia writes: "I cannot say too much in praise of Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough." Contains no opiates and is safe and sure. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and insist upon having it, as it is a safe remedy and certain in results. Refuse substitutes. Go to Graham & Wortham's drug store to get it.

Cate-Alexander.

A quiet home wedding occurred in this city, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when Mr. Rufus Cate and Miss Lela Alexander were united in marriage by Rev. T. T. Vincent. Mr. and Mrs. Cate left on the afternoon train yesterday for Portland, where they will reside.

Mr. Cate has conducted a tailor shop in Corvallis for some time, but sold out this week, and will go into business in Portland. His estimable wife was brought up in this city, and is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Alexander. The happy couple have many friends who wish them much happiness.

A small blaze started in R. C. Kiger's residence yesterday morning, but quick action with a bucketful of water save the fire department a run. No damage was done.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the Womans' Christian Temperance Union, of Corvallis, Oregon, will be held in the parlor of the Union, in its building on lot 8, block 3, Original Town Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, on Thursday, January 19, 1905, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of authorizing the sale of the building of said Womans' Christian Temperance Union, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

All members of the Womans' Christian Union, will please take notice of said meeting. As large attendance as possible is desired.

By order of Executive Committee. P. O. WILSON, President.

HOW IS THIS?

An offer to make you come up stairs and see us.

New Mainspring (none better), \$1.00.

Cleaning (ordinary watch), \$1.00. Cannot be done better at any price.

MATTHEWS, The Jeweler. Room 12, over First National Bank.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Or., December 12, 1904. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Benton county, at Corvallis, Oregon, on January 23, 1905, viz:

JAMES E. WEST, H. E. No 12558, for the S1 SW1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4, Sec 24, Tp 10 S, R 7 W. He claims the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Howard L. Bush, By Francis, John Bottger, Wallace Frantz, all of Hoskins, Or. GEO. W. BIEBE, Receiver.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Benton, administrator of the estate of B. B. Barnes, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same properly verified, as by law required, at the office of J. F. Yates within six months from the date hereof. Dated, December 24, 1904. FOREST E. BARNES, Adm'r of the Estate of B. B. Barnes, Dec'd.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was appointed executor of the last will and testament of C. E. Moor, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present same, with proper vouchers, to me at my home or to W. E. Yates at his office in Corvallis, within six months from this date. PERSIS J. LINDERMAN, Executor. Dated, January 10, 1905.

SIGNS OF FAILING VISION.

When your eyes tire in reading, when you frown or partly close the eyes when looking at an object; when things "swim" or become dim after being looked at for some time; when the eyes ache, smart, or water; or when you have pain in the eyeball, orbit, temples or forehead.

All the conditions are curable by proper glasses, such as we will furnish you after a scientific examination.

MATTHEWS, The Optician, Room 12, over First National Bank

Cheap Sunday Rates Between Portland and Willamette Valley Points

Low round trip rates have been placed in effect between Portland and Willamette Valley points, in either direction. Tickets will be sold.

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS,

and limited to return on or before the following Monday.

RATE 75c FROM CORVALLIS, \$3.00. Call on Southern Pacific Co's Agents for particulars.

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Imported Black Percheron will be in Corvallis, for service, after January 1. For further information address, T. K. FAWCETT, Bellfountain, Or.

A cyclone has struck our

CLOAK & SUIT DEPARTMENT.

\$10 50	Tailor-made Suits.....	\$5 25
13 50	" "	6 75
16 50	" "	8 25
20 00	" "	10 00
25 00	" "	12 50

All Cloaks, Jackets, Tourist Cloaks and Furs at HALF PRICE during our January Sale.

We have on hand a few large rugs and art squares which we will close at cost for want of room.



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Do not send out printed matter to your customers that is a disgrace to your business—a disgrace to your town—and a disgrace to the printer who puts it out.

Good Work costs you no more than the bad.

Good printing is correct in spelling—correct in grammar—correct in punctuation—on good stock—printed with good ink—and something that it is a pleasure to look at.

That is the kind the Gazette turns out.

Prices for good printing are based on the cost of good material, and the labor and taste employed in doing the work. To this every printer adds a percentage for profit. The cheap printer charges the same profit as the good printer—the difference in cost to you comes out of the value of the material used—in fact you pay for all you get.

Skill, taste and experience are necessary factors in producing GOOD printing.

Examine your work, and don't pay for it until you know it is all right. It is your own fault if you pay good money for rotten eggs.