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WILL IT BE DONE?

Much has been said as to the effect of the primary election law in destroying party organization. It is unquestionably a blow with that intent because that was thought to be necessary to de-throne party "bosses" and destroy political rings.

So far as the republican party is concerned it has always and everywhere had enough courage, vitality and patriotism to purge and purify itself without destroying or impairing its usefulness to the rank and file who cling to its principles. Were this not true it would be because the great mass of republicans,—that is the entire party,—had ceased to care for republican principles and purposes and had become as selfish and corrupt as a few men who had gained mischievous control of the party machinery.

Such a conclusion as this would be absolutely false, and it would remain true that, however long and bitter the contest, republicans have never abandoned their principles to effect purification of party conduct.

We take it that there are as many republicans in Oregon as at any time heretofore. We believe that notwithstanding the primary law and without disturbing any of its provisions party organization can be effected and maintained. If this is not done it will simply be because of the factional spirit which animates a few would-be party leaders. These men are known to the party at large, and they must come out unequivocally in promise of party harmony or they need not hope for republican support at the primary election, nor afterward.

If they desire to restore harmony among themselves and bid for the confidence of republican voters they will unite, and there will be a republican state convention held before the primary election occurs.

The delegates to this convention can be and should be chosen to represent the party, not the interests of any one man or set of men. They should not nominate candidates for office but should recommend for republican support at the republican primary election one or at most two men for each state office to be filled at the ensuing June election. They should name presidential electors and promulgate the purposes of Oregon republicans, and having done these things they should promptly adjourn and go to work for the party nominees regardless of whether they or their personal friends are or are not in nomination.

We need not present the advantages and benefits that must accrue because of pursuing such a course; they are easily apparent.

Will it be done? We shall see. If there is to be harmony and unity of purpose and efficient action within and by the party it will be done.

THE FARMER'S INTEREST.

Authentic reports show that the farmers of the country have made more money out of their products for the year 1907 than for any previous year. The value of farm products was almost \$500,000,000 greater this year than last year. This sum is about \$50,000,000 less than the value of the wheat crop alone. It should not be forgotten, however, that our crop of wheat fell short in quantity of what the acreage sown to wheat should have produced. Furthermore, there was a sharp export demand for our surplus. These two things work-

ing together make the value of the crop greater than usual, and well illustrates the economic law that "supply and demand fix the price of commodities."

But, after all, the export demand for wheat and flour was in value only about \$150,000,000. This gives \$400,000,000 as the value to the farmer of the home market for his wheat.

Here is a demonstration, so far as it goes, of the value of the home market above all foreign markets combined. Were we to consider other farm products for which there is little or no demand for export the value of the home market to the farmer is greatly enhanced.

If we seek to know why this market is so valuable we shall find the reasons are that it presents a greater demand and by consumers who are better able and more willing to pay for what they buy than any other market in the world. Consumption of those commodities we do not produce depends almost entirely on our ability to purchase them from the producer. It follows, then, that the prosperity of the farmer largely depends on the ability of those engaged in pursuits other than farming to buy the farmer's products. Anything which will create and preserve this ability is to his benefit.

Now some careless writers, moved by hatred for protection, would have farmers believe that if consumers of farm products might avail themselves of clothing and other necessities of life which are cheap in foreign countries but high in this country they would be better able to pay the farmer high prices for his products. This is a lame conclusion, truly.

Smith, who already buys all the flour, pork and beans he can consume buys a suit of foreign made clothing for \$20, for which his neighbor Jones, the tailor, would have charged him \$30. Smith has now \$10 more to expend in farm products, but he does not increase his purchases because he already buys all he requires. It is plain that Jones is \$10 less able to buy anything, and that the purchasing ability of several other Americans is decreased in the aggregate by \$20.

Writers in the interest of free-trade should not assume that farmers are ignoramuses.

COMMUNICATED.

Editor Gazette:

The Oregonian during the early days of the Goldfield strike, administered a parting kick by saying "Nevada is only a blot on the map anyway." Perhaps the youth who said that had been looking at a recent map of the local option movement, and in that sense he was right, but the blot extends to all the states whose principal resources are the useful and precious metals which everyone is so anxious to obtain.

Local option is not making much headway in Nevada. The town where I reside has 800 people and 21 licensed liquor vendors. The United States has, since 1893, expended \$4,000,000, in reclaiming desert land in Nevada, and a large part of the amount which went to pay for labor found the way over the saloon bar or into the roulette wheel.

Fallon has grown from a village of two houses, a store and a Pinte camp, to a town of 800 people since 1893, with practically all modern conveniences and a railroad. It is the center of the greatest irrigation project in the United States, and at the end of every road leading east and south from town is a hustling mining camp, the latest having grown from a lonely coyote to 1,500 people within sixty days.

The long and the short haul meet at Fallon and the teamsters receive over \$30,000 each month for the short haul. The railroads receive about \$50,000 a month on incoming freight and hauls out are averaging in value \$200 to \$400 a ton at the rate of 1500 tons a month. There is a greater av-

erage of high grade gold and silver ore shipped from Fallon than ever originated at one point in the history of mining.

Nevada is not a blot on the map. The Oregonian was wrong about it. It would be just as true to say Oregon is a duck pond because the sun was not visible in December 1907—and everyone knows the sun was visible—above the clouds. J. H. WILSON.

It is to be hoped that Senator Fulton will not oppose the confirmation of Mr. Schuebel for United States District Attorney, and that Mr. Schuebel will at the solicitation of Mr. Bourne, appoint Mr. U'Ren to be his deputy. Republicans of Oregon need more things to be written large before they can comprehend them.

PHILOMATH SNAPSHOTS.

Much Sorrow in College Town Over Death of Mrs. Iva Durkee-McDonald.

One of the saddest occurrences that has been noted from our vicinity for a long time is the death and burial of Iva Durkee-McDonald. At Dayton, Ohio, on Monday, December 30, as the old year was dying, the life of one who was closely entwined with many of our people, drifted to the endless Beyond. On Tuesday the sad news flashed over the wires, that "Iva was dead, and the body would be brought home for burial." Many hearts were torn by the sad tidings. Here where she had grown from young girlhood to maidenhood, wifehood and motherhood; where are many young men and women that were her classmates, with the alumni of her alma mater, aye—and with those young men and women now, who as children loved her as their teacher while teaching in the Philomath Public School,—by all, her early death is sadly deplored and heartfelt sympathy is expressed by all to the stricken husband and brother, and many others bound by the ties of relationship, either by adoption or consanguinity. For the little babes, Georgene, not yet three years old, and Phyllis, only two weeks old, and named by her fond mother in those first few happy days, now so sadly left motherless, as Iva was left when but at three years old, many hearts are torn and bleeding. Truly sorrow makes the whole world kin and we grieve for our brothers and sisters.

Among those present at the funeral from abroad were: F. P. Close and daughters, Connie and Audrey of Eugene, Percy McDonald, of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. John Gellatly, of Wenatche, Wash., Mrs. E. R. Hollister, and family, of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mankin, of Turner, Marion county, Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Hollister, of Portland, Vera Patton and Beatrice Austin, of Corvallis.

Clarence Taylor, of Peak, is a Philomath transient at present.

Mr. Close and daughters returned to their home in Eugene on Wednesday.

W. H. Moses was elected city marshal by the new council last Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy-Frink celebrated their tin wedding at the close of the old year.

Mrs. James Gregory and daughters, Maude and Doris, were visitors at the Chas. Davis home last week.

Miss Alta Wright wended her way Corvallisward last Wednesday. Mrs. R. Gant and Mrs. James Evans were also Corvallis visitors.

Miss Dora Swabb, who has been quite ill with a slow fever at the home of Mrs. W. McDonald is making slow road towards recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Mankin returned to Turner Wednesday, having been at the home of Mrs. Hannah McDonald since the Monday previous.

The Public School of Philomath is used as a training department for the normal students of Philomath College. Much dissatisfaction is expressed by patrons at the plan of having T. D.

SPECIAL SALE OF WALL PAPER. Through the month of January, we are making a 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT on Figured Wall Papers. Our spring stock is due to arrive in February and we must make room for it by moving a lot of the patterns now on hand. Ingrains, Moires and Special Borders not included in this sale. January '08 is to be a Big Bargain Month at our store. Sweeping reductions are in effect in the following lines: Combination Cases, Writing Desks, China Closets, Reed Rockers and Art Squares. All yard wide carpets reduced to a margin that will make them go. January 31st is positively the last day of this reduction sale. Do not wait for your neighbor to tell you about the bargains we are offering, but come and see for yourself. HOLLENBERG & SON, The House Furnishers.

as a title attached to their children's names as is done in Normal school towns, and not to the honor of the children or school.

Mrs. L. S. Buoy recently purchased from W. P. Morris the property on Main street occupied by Caldwell & Sigler's Den of Sweets. The property vacated by Mrs. Buoy will be occupied by Mr. Follet's family, recent arrivals from Alsea. Mr. Follet recently acquired the proprietorship of the Philomath livery stable.

At a basket ball game recently played in Corvallis between the boys of the Philomath High School and Corvallis Public School team Corvallis was beaten by 15 to 13.

SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE.

What is Causing the Increase of Catarrh in Corvallis?

In spite of the best efforts of medical men, catarrh troubles are increasing not only in Corvallis, but all over the country. Catarrh is a germ disease, and to cure it germ life in the breathing organs should be destroyed, and to do this no other treatment has such positive and beneficial action as Hyomei.

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