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Democratic State Ticket.

For Presidential Electors, W. H. EFTSOBER, of Multnomah, W. R. BLYDE, of Linn, E. R. SKIRWORTH, of Umatilla, For Congress, JOHN M. GEARIN, For Supreme Judge, JOHN BURNETT.

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

For Judge, W. M. RAMSEY, For Prosecuting Attorney, T. H. CRAWFORD

COUNTY TICKET.

For Joint Senator with Wallawa, L. B. RINCHART, of Union, For Joint Senator with Umatilla, J. H. RALEY, of Umatilla, For Representatives, W. H. HUFFMAN, of Union, TURNER OLIVER, of Summerville, For Sheriff, D. A. McALISTER, of La Grande, For Clerk, A. T. NEILL, of La Grande, For Treasurer, E. C. BRAYSAID, of Union, For Assessor, N. B. BOWMAN, of North Powder, For Commissioners, J. K. P. HARRIS, of Summerville, S. T. SEXTON, of Cornucopia, For Superintendent of Schools, C. E. OLIVER, of Summerville, For Coroner, A. C. CRAIG, of Union, For Surveyor, EUGENE CHASE, of Union.

Republican State Ticket.

For Presidential Electors, C. W. FULTON, of Clatsop, W. M. KAPPEL, of Multnomah, ROBERT McLEAK, of Josephine, For Congress, BINGHAM HEERMANN, For Supreme Judge, W. P. LOAN.

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

For Judge, JAMES A. FEE, For Prosecuting Attorney, J. L. RAND.

COUNTY TICKET.

For Joint Senator with Wallawa, J. W. NORVAL, of Summerville, For Joint Senator with Umatilla, A. R. MATTOON, of La Grande, For Representatives, CHAS. GONSOUGH, of Island City, J. L. ROE, of Summerville, For Sheriff, A. N. HAMILTON, of Summerville, For Clerk, J. T. WILLIAMSON, of Union, For Commissioners, JOHN McDONALD, of Summerville, GEORGE BENNETT, of Eagle, For Superintendent of Schools, J. L. CARTER, of Island City, For Surveyor, J. W. KIMBRELL, of North Powder, For Assessor, J. D. GUILD, of Indian Valley, For Coroner, B. D. HUBERS, of Summerville.

A BRIEF REVIEW.

The Democratic and Republican State platforms as adopted by their respective conventions we publish today, and put at the head of our columns the tickets placed in nomination by the two parties. As we promised last week we shall review in as candid a manner as we know how, the principles of the two parties as enunciated in their platforms, and, also, the relative merits of their respective candidates. In doing so we shall use our own judgment so far as it goes, and where we are unacquainted with the candidates, shall refrain from expressing an opinion concerning them lest upon a better knowledge it might prove erroneous. We do not wish to be unjust to any man. As an independent journalist we have a right to take this course. If our ideas, or the conclusions we arrive at, are not accepted by our friends and readers we freely accord to them the privilege of taking issue, and our columns are at their service for the purpose of setting us right.

As will be seen by reference to the two platforms, there is quite a unanimity of sentiment in all essential points except the matter of the reduction of tariff and the disposal of the surplus which has accumulated in the treasury of the United States under a protective tariff system. This one point of difference, however, is enough. It is a momentous difference, and one in which we believe the welfare of the people is more vitally at stake than in any question of governmental policy that has been raised for years. We are in accord with, and heartily endorse that plank of the Democratic platform relative to this question, and, also, approve the policy of the present administration as exemplified in the Interior Department by the General Land Office in its efforts to protect the public lands from unscrupulous syndicates and dishonest private citizens, which policy the Republicans, in their platform, have seen fit to ensure.

For several years past the g. o. p. has apparently been content to rest on its laurels, and the prestige of former victories, and exclaim, "See what we have done!" while the cry of democracy has been, "See what we are going to do!" but not a move toward doing anything of consequence have they made while hordes of human vermin from the Old World have been

turned loose upon our shores to contaminate our social fabric and put at defiance our laws—while foreign corporations and home syndicates and railroad companies have been allowed to possess themselves of large tracts of lands, the birthright of our people—while our citizens are borne down by a system of taxation that wrests the earnings of the laboring classes and the poor, to make more replete the coffers of the rich—and while the country is cursed with every species of corruption and extortion that cunning avarice can devise or arrogant money kings can execute.

There has been such apathy shown on the part of these two parties, so far as trying to do anything toward the amelioration of existing and rapidly growing evils, that we, in common with thousands of others not slaves to party, became utterly disgusted and considered the advisability of abandoning both of them as inadequate to the exigencies of the times and organizing a party of patriotic Americans, having for its object, not the attainment of power for prestige and the spoils of office, but for the purpose of wiping out of existence, evils which the dominant parties seemed inclined to ignore or were afraid to agitate lest they should offend some of the foreign leeches whose support was deemed essential to their existence—a party having for its purpose the purification of our national politics, and to redeem, ere it was too late, the republic from an era of anarchy and misrule which was apparently close at hand. This movement was deemed so necessary that the American Party, the platform of which was published some time ago in this paper, was organized in several states of the Union, and ere the next presidential election, would have grown to gigantic proportions had not a check been put to it, in a measure, by the attitude of President Cleveland on the tariff question, and by other indications that his party, at least, is willing to strike out in the right direction—especially when it is forced to.

Cleveland's message was a brave one, such as we did not expect. Whether he deserves credit for it or not, we do not know nor care. Doubtless he interpreted the handwriting on the wall (for it was there, in characters as distinct as those that startled the ancient king) and had sagacity enough to direct his followers in the right direction. We would have been pleased had the republicans been as sagacious and turned their course in the direction pointed out by the warning finger. That they have not done so we believe is the fault of J. G. Blaine, their chosen leader, who apparently in pique, having accepted the challenge of his adversary, and marshaled his legions in line of battle, albeit on disadvantageous ground, concludes that he don't want to fight any himself, and withdraws to the rear while all eyes are turned expectantly on him. We want to see the "Plumed Knight" placed in nomination again for the presidency. He is unanimously the choice of his party and apparently their only hope. Why does he hesitate if he thinks his cause is just? Let him come forward as a patriot should, or let his followers tear the dishonored plumes from his head and brand him as a demagogue and a coward. When an issue of this kind has been discussed as this will be and left to a tribunal composed of the entire people, we believe that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the right verdict will be rendered. If Mr. Blaine is sincere in his expressions he should accept the position to which his party calls him, and trust to the justice of his cause to carry him through, which it will if there is any justice in it.

It was not our intention at this time to discuss national affairs, or the tickets, only so far as our country affairs are concerned, and the qualifications of the men from whom we are to select our local officers for the ensuing term. In national affairs we believe that every man should support the nominees of the party whose policy he thinks will be best for the country at large. In county affairs he should lay aside his political prejudices and consider the qualifications of the men alone, and vote for them accordingly.

For joint senator with Umatilla county we have Mr. A. R. Mattoon, of La Grande, republican, and Mr. J. H. Raley, of Pendleton, democratic. As we know nothing about either of these gentlemen it would be presumptuous in us to attempt to discuss their merits, and we shall not do so at this time. Possibly during the campaign we will find out more about them.

For joint senator with Wallawa county, Mr. J. W. Norval and Mr. L. B. Rinchart are before us for consideration. While we have a sincere regard and friendship for the first named gentleman we are free to say that in our opinion the people would be better served by his opponent, Mr. Rinchart has had many years experience as a legislator and is well and favorably known by all the lead-

ingmen of the state. The records of the legislature will show that while he was a member of that body, it was through his efforts that some of our best and most important laws were enacted. We have watched the proceedings of the Oregon legislature for several years past, and we have no hesitancy in saying that Mr. Rinchart has served his constituents faithfully and well. His upright course throughout deserves substantial recognition at the hands of our people, and we believe he will get it in this campaign. No safer man could be sent to serve us in the next legislature.

For representatives we have Mr. W. H. Huffman and Mr. Turner Oliver on the democratic side and Mr. Charles Goodnough and Mr. J. L. Roe on the republican side. As between Goodnough and Huffman we unhesitatingly select the latter, who is a gentleman well and favorably known by nearly every body in the county, having been a resident of it from the time of its formation. Mr. Huffman is a genial whole-souled gentleman, of unusual intellectual attainments, and possessing in an eminent degree the executive qualifications necessary in a legislator. Taking into consideration the esteem in which he is held by all who know him and the unpopularity of his opponent, we predict for Mr. Huffman the easiest "walk over" of any of the candidates.

We are not acquainted with Mr. Roe who seems to be a stranger in this section. His name, however, appears on our subscription books, which is a big card in his favor, with us. We regret having to go back on him, but must do so, when we size him up alongside of our friend and every body's friend, the genial talented young Turner Oliver, who has been amongst us since he was a little boy, and is what you might call a product of Union county—a product that no section need be ashamed of, and which he can put on exhibition in the Oregon legislature with feelings of pride. Turner will receive the hearty encouragement of the gray beards of the county, and the young and middle aged men will all be with him unconditionally. His election is a foregone conclusion.

For county clerk we will be called upon to decide between the present incumbent Mr. A. T. Neill and Mr. J. T. Williamson. Everybody in the county knows these gentlemen as well, probably, as we do, so it is not necessary to discuss their relative merits. We think, however, that Mr. Neill is a natural born clerk and that Mr. Williamson is nothing of the kind, but would, no doubt, make a pretty fair sheriff.

Everybody knows the nominees for sheriff—Mr. Hamilton the present incumbent and Mr. D. A. McAlister, of Island City. Both are good and capable men, and we are sure, no matter how the election may result, of having a good sheriff.

For county treasurer, Mr. E. C. Brinsard will probably get there "by the skin of his teeth." We will try and endure him another term.

For assessor we have Mr. N. B. Bowman, of North Powder, and Mr. J. D. Guild, of Elgin. Mr. Guild, we are told, has but one leg, a circumstance which will, no doubt, secure for him many votes, but at the same time we think that his condition disqualifies him for the office. No man with one leg can assess this county and do it properly, unless he employs competent deputies, in which case there would be nothing in the office for him.

We are but very little acquainted with the nominees for county commissioners. Their names appear on our list of readers, however, and we are willing to gamble, and go odds that they are all good men and true. If we find that any of the four need flaying we will attend to their case in some future issue.

STATE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The Democracy of the State of Oregon, in convention assembled, declare its fealty to the great national organization, of which it is a part, and asks the respectful attention of the people of the State to its statement of national and local politics:

I. Resolved, That we heartily endorse President Cleveland, who by his capability and honesty, and fidelity to the trust reposed in him, has illustrated the principle that this is a government of, by and for the people, and one pledged to guarantee equal rights to all and give special privileges to none.

II. Resolved, That we approve the present faithful and efficient Democratic State Administration.

III. Resolved, That we most earnestly and unqualifiedly endorse the policy of tariff revision, and a reduction of the surplus revenue to the needs of the government, economically administered, as set forth in the President's last annual message to Congress. We believe that such a revision is indicated by sound policy, and that unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation and oppression, and public revenue should, as far as possible, be derived from taxes levied upon the luxuries, rather than upon the necessities of life.

IV. Resolved, That we demand the forfeiture of all unearned land grants and that the public domain be held as a sacred trust for homes for our rapidly increasing population. And we commend and approve of the President's message in regard to Oregon wagon road grants lately sent to Congress.

V. Resolved, That proper public policy looking to the future security of the country, requires that the government keep all its pledges to the soldiers of the Union in its various wars, and that the pension roll of the Republic be jealously guarded as a roll of honor, without visiting burdens upon the people equal to the maintenance of a standing army, exhausting of the resources of the tax-payers, which may be needed for future defense.

VI. Resolved, That as a free people, enjoying the blessings of liberty in a government of the people, we denounce the policy of the English government in its administration of Irish affairs; and that we extend on behalf of the Democracy of Oregon our earnest sympathy with Gladstone and Parnell in their efforts to secure Home Rule and Land Reform for the people of Ireland.

VII. Resolved, That we endorse the salutary policy of the National administration in restricting corporations to the privileges and profits to which they are strictly entitled under the law.

VIII. Resolved, That we are in hearty accord and sympathy with the efforts of the laboring masses and wage-earners to ameliorate their condition and establish their rights; and are in favor of an enactment of such laws as will best protect their interests.

IX. Resolved, That we favor an amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people.

X. Resolved, That we favor an amendment to the present railroad commission law of this State, conferring upon the Board of Railroad Commissioners power to fix and regulate rates for the transportation of freights on the railroads within the State of Oregon.

XI. Resolved, That we are in favor of the opening and improvement of the Columbia river and various ports of entry on the seaboard, so that the commerce of the country may be conveyed without interruption to the markets of the world; and for that purpose we demand of the general government liberal appropriations and the speedy passage of the River and Harbor bill now pending in Congress.

XII. Resolved, That we demand of the general government the speedy completion of the locks at the Cascades, and the immediate construction of locks at The Dalles, on the Columbia river, and sufficient appropriations therefor, and that we favor the State, as far as in its power, shall make such improvements at or around these points as will, until the completion of the locks, accommodate the commerce of the country.

STATE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The republicans of the state of Oregon in convention assembled, reaffirming their allegiance to and confidence in the great republican party of the nation, of whose grand achievements and long and successful administration of the government of the United States they have so much to be proud, and the glory of which they are entitled to share, now make and present the following statement of their principles and policy:

I. We favor honest and efficient administration of departments of government, both state and national.

II. The right of the citizen authorized by law, to have his vote honorably counted ought to be respected, and all efforts to curtail or limit that right deserve the condemnation of all good citizens.

III. That the policy of the democratic administration which would place wool and lumber on the free list and woollen goods on the highly protected list, cotton ties on the free list and other similar hoop iron in the protected list, and which policy would continue the collection of \$50,000,000 on sugar each year, while at the same time the majority applaud and claim to carry out the president's idea that a tariff tax is robbery of the people, constitutes a piece of unparalleled political dishonesty, having for its sole object the success of the democratic party at the next election, even at the ex-

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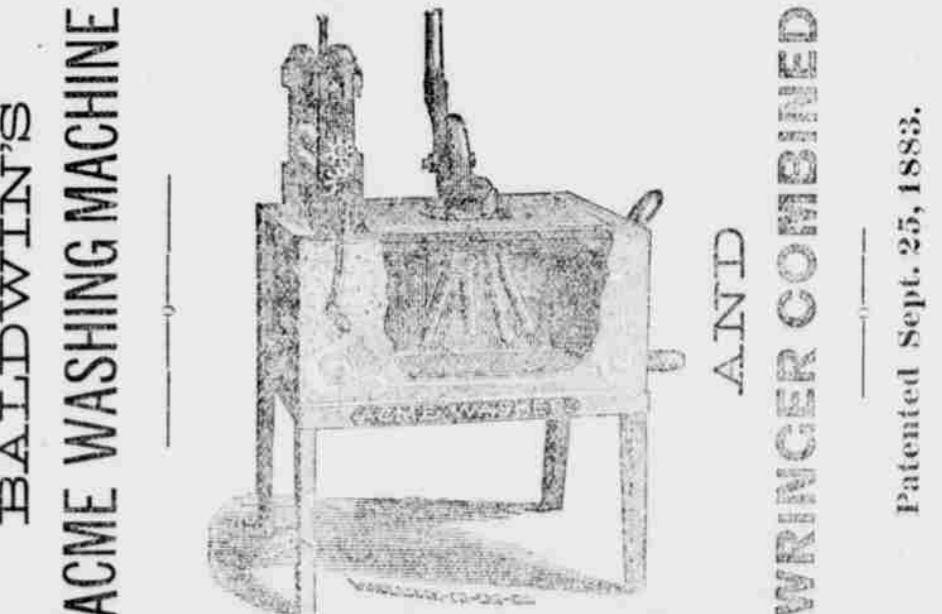
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