

# THE OREGON SCOUT.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Republican National Convention meets at Chicago on the 19th.

Boycotting sometimes acts in the manner of a boomerang, and is a game that becomes more interesting when played by two.

The United Labor party, the Prohibition party and the Industrial Reform party have each nominated presidential candidates.

Governor Penney is in favor of free lumber, and he is one of the largest mill owners in Oregon, too. Men are not always selfish.

In this issue will be found a table giving the official election returns of Union county. All are acquainted with the result and the table is published more as a curiosity than anything else.

It is now reported that during the last campaign most of the editorials in the *La Grande Gazette*, particularly those referring to Judge Goodall, were written by A. Mitchell, who has been confined for several months past in the county jail, on a charge of larceny. If, however, the report is not true, we will be glad to apologize to Mitchell, for we have no desire to disgrace him.

Senator Norval and Representative Roe we believe to be honest and conscientious, and while we regret that men of their political ideas should be elected to official position, we can take it gracefully. But when such a man as Goodnough, of Island City, manages to get into as important a position as representative, we can not but look upon it as a calamity to the entire county.

Belva Lockwood, the champion of woman's rights, is before the people of the United States for president. She stands on a platform that declares for free sugar and repeal of taxes on whiskey and tobacco. Alfred Love is for vice-president. When the ladies propose to give us Belva for president, a love for vice-president, and free whiskey with free sugar to sweeten to the taste, they are tickling a great many of us right where we live.

The moral status of a man may be best judged by the character of the enemies he makes, and his importance may be estimated by the amount of vituperation they heap upon him. We are proud to say that the whole brood in the vile nest where the *La Grande Gazette* is hatched, are our enemies, and judging from the way they have squirmed, and given us their entire attention recently, they fully realize the weight of our hand. So may it ever be.

Placer miners will be interested in the following provisions of the Stewart bill to amend the mining laws: The amount of work necessary to hold a placer claim is reduced from \$100 to \$50 per annum, and the amount of placer ground that may be in a single application for patent is limited to 100 acres. The bill fixes 12 o'clock noon, on the first day of August, as the commencement and end of the year for annual work, instead of midnight on the 31st of December, as the law now reads.

The action of *The Scout* during the recent campaign, has, it seems, raised the bile of a few would-be dictators in this section, and a red hot republican paper is to be started at once, and a boycott put in motion against us if it is possible to do so. *The Scout* is upon to solid a foundation to care for opposition of this kind, and, as to the boycott, outside of two or three who have already hastened to show their hands, we do not think that sensible republicans will be bulldozed into doing anything of the kind. We shall in the future, as in the past, freely express our opinions on every subject of public interest, and at all times endeavor to treat every one with courtesy. We do not think that any of our readers, even though their views may differ from us, will bestow censure for that. Our columns are open to all who desire to use them, but editorially we shall express our convictions. "The hand of Douglas is his own." Ours will be used to write down our honest thoughts, and will not be extended to overbearing arrogance, although it may be that thrift would follow fawning.

We publish in this issue the platform adopted by the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis. It reaffirms the principles enunciated in the platform of 1884, and fully endorses the ideas of President Cleveland on the tariff as set forth in his message. It is a grand platform and its ringing words will find an echo in millions of patriotic hearts, and cause many a corrupt and arrogant millionaire and monopolist to tremble with apprehension. Read it carefully and without prejudice and judge for yourselves whether or not it is a platform upon which the patriotic masses of our people may stand with honor and safety.

A special from Washington speaks of a bill before congress in which Eastern Oregon and Washington territory are greatly interested—namely, Symes' bill for the development and utilization of the water resources of arid regions, for the purpose of irrigation. The bill makes an appropriation of \$500,000, to be expended in making hydrographic surveys of the states and territories within the arid regions, and from such surveys to ascertain and locate sites for the storage of water for irrigation of public lands. Prof. J. W. Powell, director of the geological survey, claims that 50,000,000 acres of said lands could be reclaimed by means of a system of irrigation, as proposed; reclamation is perfectly practicable, and said that he thought \$250,000 would be a sufficient amount to carry out the proposed survey.

## National Democratic Platform.

The Democratic party of the United States in national convention assembled renews the pledges of its fidelity to the democratic faith and reaffirms the platform adopted by its representatives in the convention of 1884; endorses the views expressed by President Cleveland in his last earnest message to congress as a correct interpretation of that platform upon the question of tariff reduction; and also endorses the efforts of our democratic representatives in congress to secure the reduction of excessive taxation.

Chief among its principles of party faith are the maintenance of an indissoluble union of free and independent states, now about to enter upon its second century of unexampled progress; the known devotion to a plan of government regulated by a written constitution strictly specifying every granted power, and expressly reserving to the states of people the entire ungranted residue of power; and the encouragement of jealous popular vigilance, directed to all who have been chosen for brief terms to enact and execute laws, and charged with the duty of preserving peace, insuring equality and establishing justice.

The democratic party welcomes an exacting scrutiny of the administration of executive power, which four years ago was committed to its trust in the election of Grover Cleveland, president of the United States; but it challenges the most searching inquiry concerning its fidelity and devotion to the pledges which then invited the suffrages of the people, during a most critical period of financial affairs, resulting from over taxation, the anomalous condition of our currency and the public debt unimpaired.

It has by the adoption of a wise and conservative course not only avoided disaster, but greatly promoted the prosperity of our people.

It has reserved the improvident and unwise policy of the republican party touching the public domain and has reclaimed from corporations and syndicates, alien and domestic, and restored to the people nearly 100,000,000 acres of valuable land which will be sacredly held as homesteads for our citizens.

While carefully guarding the interests and principles of justice and equity, it has paid out more for pensions and bounties to the soldiers and sailors of the republic than was ever paid before during an equal period.

It has adopted and consistently pursued a firm and prudent foreign policy, preserving peace with all nations while scrupulously maintaining all the rights and interests of our government and people at home and abroad. The exclusion from our shores of Chinese laborers has been effectually secured under the provisions of a treaty, the operation of which had been postponed by the action of a republican majority in the senate.

Honest reform in civil service has been inaugurated and maintained by President Cleveland and he has brought the public service to the highest standard of efficiency, not only by rule and precept, but by the example of his own untiring and unselfish administration of public affairs.

In every branch and department of the government under democratic control, the rights and welfare of all the people have been guarded and defended. Every public interest has been protected and the equality of all our citizens before the law without regard to race or color has been steadfastly maintained.

Upon its record thus exhibited and upon the pledge of a continuance to the people of the benefits of democracy, it invokes a renewal of the popular trust by the re-election of a chief magistrate who has been faithful, able and prudent. It invokes in addition to that trust, the transfer also to the democracy of the entire legislative power. The republican party controlling the

senate and existing in both houses of congress, prevents the reformation of the unjust and unequal tax laws which have outlasted the necessities of war and are now undermining the abundance of a long peace, and denies to the people equality before the law, and the fairness and justice which are their rights.

The cry of American labor for a better share in the rewards of industry is still stifled with false pretenses. Enterprise is fettered and bound down by the same markets, and the capitalist is discouraged with doubt.

The Democratic party will continue, with all the power conferred to it, the struggle to reform these laws, in accordance with the pledge of its last platform endorsed at the ballot box by the suffrages of the people. Of all the industries free men of our land, the immense majority, including every letter of the alphabet, gain no advantage from excessive tax laws, but the price of nearly everything they buy is increased by a favoritism of an unequal system of tax legislation.

All unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation. It is repugnant to the creed of democracy that by such taxation the cost of the necessities of life should be already unjustly increased to all our people. Judge by Democratic principles, the interests of the people are buried when, by unnecessary taxation, trusts and combinations are permitted to exist, which, while unduly enriching a few, combine to rob the body of our citizens by depriving them of the benefits of national competition.

Every democratic rule of governmental action is violated when, through unnecessary taxation, a vast sum of money, far beyond the needs of an economical administration, is drawn from the people and the channels of trade, and the wealth accumulated as a demoralizing surplus in the national treasury. The money now lying idle in the federal treasury resulting from superfluous taxation amounts to more than one hundred and twenty-five millions, and the surplus collected is reaching the sum of more than sixty millions annually.

Delivered by this immense temptation, the remedy of the Republican party is to meet and exhaust by extravagant appropriations and expenses, whether constitutional or not, the accumulation of extravagant taxation.

The Democratic policy is to enforce frugality in public expense and abolish unnecessary legislation.

Our established domestic industries and enterprises should not and need not be endangered by the reduction and correction of the burdens of taxation. On the contrary, a fair and careful revision of our tax laws, with due allowance for the difference between the wages of American and foreign labor, must promote and encourage every branch of such industries and enterprise by giving them the assurance of an extended market and the steady and continued operations and interests of American labor, which should in no event be neglected.

The revision of our tax laws contemplated by the Democratic party should promote the advantage of such labor by cheapening the cost of the necessities of life in the home of every working man, at the same time securing to him steady and remunerative employment.

On this question of tariff reform, so closely concerning every phase of our national life, and upon every question involved in the problem of good government, the Democratic party submits its principles and professions to the intelligent suffrages of the American people.

## North Powder Notes.

June 13, 1888.  
Dr. Dickinson, dentist of Baker city, was in town, Monday.

"Bucking" cayuse horses keep up the excitement in this quiet village.

Mr. H. Wicks has returned from the valley and says Eastern Oregon is good enough for him.

Election has come and gone, and our denizens have settled down to the "even tenor of their ways."

Public school closed last Friday. Prof. Holmes is accounted an efficient pedagogue.

Report says a local preacher living on the river above town, killed an enormous wild cat at his rear door one evening last week.

Mr. Bart Clark, railroad agent at Echo, paid his brother, Frank, a visit here on Sunday last.

Considerable money and various articles of plunder has changed hands of late as the result of scrub horse racing indulged in by some of our sportive citizens.

Our young merchant, Mr. D. Wilcox of Kellogg, Puna, & Co., will shortly open up business on his own account. Location not yet determined. He merits success as he is a good business man.

Mr. R. Downie, of Union, passed through here on Sunday on his way home from his mine on Rock Creek.

Mr. Chas. Scheidhauer, clerk for the Mill company, has recently disposed of some city property at Ogden, Utah, for \$2,000, realizing a handsome profit on his investment.

The Mill company have ceased their log drive for the season, having brought down 2,500,000 feet of logs. They intend to erect, at once, a portable mill above town for the purpose of sawing up their timber.

A festive party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Bobber, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Brant, the Misses Powers, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Moehle and Mr. Hughes, whiled away the sunny hours of Sunday last on the banks of Rock creek, near Haines, in trout fishing, recreation and amusement. They report having a very enjoyable time.

Messrs. Hager & Stout have purchased some twenty head of fine draught horses and will leave this week for Seattle, W. T., where they expect to dispose of them at remunerative prices.

A match horse race is to take place near town on the 23rd inst. between horses owned by Mr. Morris Levy and D. Thomlinson for \$100 a side. Considerable interest is manifested by our local sportsmen.

The North Powder and Wolf creek Sabbath Schools will conjointly hold a picnic in the grove near Wolf creek school house on Friday next, June 15th. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to participate.

Mr. Frank Clark is slowly recovering from the effects of a severe jolting by a fractious horse. He has been confined to his room and under medical treatment the past week, but had so far recovered as to be able to leave on Monday's train for Echo, Umatilla county.

My nag is no racer and I am no sport.—M. L. What's the matter with my beer? "That's all right,"—Mickey. "Wait till the clouds roll by, then we'll get there Eli."—H. R. That Anderson sheep yarn is inappropriate now. "49." Put us in our little beds.—Dems. I told you so.—Mike.

A thirteen year old lad of Mr. Harrison, an employee of Spencer, Ramsey & Co., saw mills on Anthony creek, met with a painful accident on Monday afternoon while at play at school. He was thrown from a machine known as a "flying dutchman," alighting on the palm of his left hand, causing a fracture of both bones of the fore arm. Dr. Saylor was called in attendance.

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