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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The "surplus" of the national treasury has been distributed and yet some people are very slow to obtain their portion of the amount.

The people of Eugene are thoroughly satisfied that Governor Penoyer was right in not going to the state line to receive Harrison. About 2,000 of them were deliberately snubbed by the president Tuesday morning.—Guard, May 9th.

What is called a "tariff picture" show that the wages of jewelers in protection Germany are only 90 cents a day, while in free trade England they amount to \$1.50. The teaching of this "picture" obviously is that tariff or their absence do not regulate wages.

The indebtedness of the county is something over which the taxpayer should ponder, says the Baker Democrat. In place of economy in all branches of the county government there must be an extravagance that will finally ruin it if it is not checked. Whither are we drifting may well be asked.

In his testimony before the McKinley committee the president of the Pennsylvania Steel Company said that if he could have free iron ore he could raise the wages of his men ten per cent and sell steel rails in London. Since the passage of the McKinley bill the wages in his establishment at Steelton have been reduced by seven per cent. But the workmen have the consolation of knowing that clothes have gone up.

We have received numerous applications lately from settlers to publish final proof notices. We will state by way of explanation that the register of The Dalles land office claims the right to discriminate against this paper. Settlers are thus deprived of a choice in the matter. No such unjust discrimination was ever resorted to under a democratic administration, and rarely under any administration has such a gag rule been resorted to.—Morrow County Record.

Just so. THE SCOUT has experienced the same difficulty. There is one consolation, however, it will not be ever thus.

The proceedings of the county commissioners' court will be published in full in two of the leading papers of the county hereafter, under the provisions of the law enacted by the late legislature providing for such publication. It is right that the public should know exactly what kind of service their officials are rendering them; and as Jackson county has a commissioners' court above reproach there is no objection heard on any side to the full publication of any of their proceedings.—Jacksonville Times.

The county court of this county has as yet taken no action in the matter of selecting the papers and ordering the proceedings published, but, as the Times says, the people of the county would, so far as we have been able to learn, like to see the law enforced. The taxpayers want to know where their money goes.

The new census shows that more than ninety-six per cent of the inhabitants of the United States live in the country that is drained to the Atlantic ocean; that more than one-half of the population live in the region drained by the gulf of Mexico, and that nearly forty-four per cent of the entire population of the country are congregated in the drainage area of the Mississippi river; that only four-tenths of one per cent live in the great basin and three-fourths of ten per cent on the Pacific coast. It shows further that the proportion living within the region drained to the Atlantic is steadily diminishing, while of this region the part drained to the gulf of Mexico is becoming relatively more populous, as is the case in a still more marked degree in the great basin and the region to the Pacific. About seven per cent of the population dwells in the division known as the New England coast, eighteen per cent in the Middle Atlantic coast division, 11 per cent on the Great Lake division, and about three and one-half per cent on the Pacific slope.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Union, Or., May 15, 1891.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

It seems from the press reports, as well as the evidences around us at home, that the Farmers' Alliance is assuming proportions as a party that may prove a dangerous political factor to either one or the other of the great political parties. As to whether this interruption will work to the benefit of the farmer or producer is a question which calls for sober, serious thought. I do not think for a moment that any member of the organization will claim or contend that in this state they will be able to do more than to insure the election of either the democratic or republican ticket, whichever in their minds they might choose.

It is undoubtedly true that both or as many parties as enter the field for public favor will come forth with a platform reciting the many wrongs and oppressions to which the producing and laboring classes are subjected and plethoric with promises for their redress, should they be given the executive and legislative power. Promises are easily made and as easily repudiated, and political reasoning teaches us that the only true test of a party's fealty is its recorded acts, or attempted acts, towards the fulfillment of its conventional pledges.

While admitting the fact that the principles and objects of the Alliance are wholesome for the public good, is it the proper manner of seeking and applying a remedy for the wrongs complained of? It seems to me that it is seeking a cure before a diagnosis of the disease.

The democratic party, through its representatives in congress and upon the recommendation and instigation of Grover Cleveland, its president, has instituted a reform movement in the tariff laws that if carried into operation would lift the great burden complained of by the consumer and producer.

Whenever a party places itself upon the record by its acts tending to add health and vitality to diseased and corrupt government, and relief to its oppressed subjects, it is wisdom to defend and protect it; suicidal folly to obstruct its pathway by the organization of new parties, the fathers of which are, as a historical rule, disappointed or discarded office-seekers from one or the other of the political organizations. This is a fact that to deny is to dispute their political history.

No American citizen should be pledged or allow himself to be held amenable to any party whenever, in his sound sense of honesty, justice and right, his privileges as such citizen, or the rights and just demands of a majority of our commonwealth, are abridged or made the subject of insult and abuse.

It does not require a secret organization composed of a large majority of the population of the United States to place a check upon the reckless, mad extravagant strides of any political party. It only requires that degree of American independence and individuality that should belong to every citizen blessed with the privilege of the ballot. Let him exercise it to the effect to assist and encourage the party whose virtues demand it, and to relegate the one barren of honest purposes. What is most needed among the suffragists of today is education—self-education; to read, figure and adopt a mode of reasoning for themselves, and it will not be necessary or require an Alliance or other order, secret or public, to teach them how to apply the remedy for party wrongs.

It has been said that the Alliance is a non-political organization. To right the wrongs complained of by them, this is impossible. To have a voice in national affairs and shape national legislation, in order to bring about the reforms claimed to be necessary for the protection of the farmer, it must of necessity enter the political field. Its life depends upon the death of one or the other of the two great parties, the result of which cannot be obtained without political battle. In the state of Kansas they have placed a premium upon illiteracy and ignorance by electing "Sackless Simpson" to the nation's council, a man unable to draft a city ordinance that would stand the legal tests of the courts, much less laws governing the nation. Why was it? It was because he was a member of the secret Alliance and, being such, his brothers in secrecy were in duty bound to stand by him. "Drowning men catch at straws" is an old and true saying and is illustrative of the Alliance. The national leaders are groping for office through its instrumentality, and in each subordinate, county or state organization you can place your finger upon a lot of broken down and discarded politicians who have outlived their political usefulness

and are clamoring for a new deal through the workings of this order. Their followers, the main body, rank and file of the Alliance, are those who are oppressed and over burdened and are willing to try any plan for relief, "catching at straws" without looking to the final result or as to the better and more speedy remedy, that of exercising, each by himself as an independent American citizen, the right of the ballot.

I undertake to say that the democratic party has by its record shown to the producing and laboring classes that it is their friend, and with power to act will soon give the relief prayed for, and by equity and good conscience demanded. Danger of its ascendancy into power has brought forth and given life and existence to the Alliance.

DEMOCRAT.

DEMOCRACY ALWAYS.

Chicago recently elected a republican mayor. Just now he is busy turning out democratic party office holders and henchmen at the rate of 600 to 800 a day and substituting republican office seekers and party dependents in their places. Any how there is one good thing about it—there is always something refreshing in a "clean up" and change.

Democratic as well as republican politicians are like rats, they will make nests, perpetuate "soft places" and put up jobs whenever they have their own way and abundance of opportunity.

Good government lies in independent voting and independent interest in elections by citizens of every class and condition. This independence builds up individuality and insures safety by making every man hold a little different opinion from his neighbor or acquaintance.

Injustice and corruption flourish most when the majority gives control of public affairs to those who promise to increase and strengthen their cause no matter what it is. The man who ties himself to a creed or pledges devotion to party forever, no matter which way it may go, simply determines to stand still and is an enemy of progress and truth. What was true and practical yesterday, or last week, or last month, or last year, or the last decade, is not so today. A man to be a true citizen of a republic must be independent, intelligent, fair, just, charitable, frank, honest and absolutely democratic in his treatment of other men.

Devotion to party does not allow this, but devotion to principles does. So, our motto, if we have any, is first principles, are they right, just, equal—not oppressive for the benefit of a few—then party—always democracy, the real article, not that which usually trumps the country under that title.—East Oregonian.

A CINCINNATI dispatch of the 19th. says: The opening day of the national union conference was blessed with a mild temperature. The morning hours were occupied by the state delegations perfecting their organization. A feature that has attracted some attention this morning is the apparent apathy of the South, delegates from that section being few in number. Wide interest is attached to the presence among the delegates of an unusually large number of prominent labor men, particularly knights of labor leaders. It is rumored that the knights are in active alliance with the southern delegates and others to prevent the convention organizing a third party at this time.

THE Progressive Farmer, President Polk's paper, has the following: "We see that an effort is being made to induce southern alliance men, to attend the meeting in Cincinnati to form a third party. We think the alliance should maintain its distinct character as a non-partisan agricultural organization. This it cannot do if it gets into a third party. We think the alliance should continue to hold its present independent position, in order that its votes may be cast for the men, and party that gives surest promise of bringing in the reforms we demand."

THE city council again got in its work on the taxpayers last week to the tune of \$2.25. The amount so far is \$7.82 which the taxpayers of this city will have to pay for publishing the ordinances, that should have been kept in the treasury, and would have been had the contract been awarded to THE SCOUT, where it justly belongs. This is only a starter, but at the end of the year the amount thus unnecessarily paid out will surprise some of our taxpayers.

You can always find a good supply of stationery, school books, novels, etc., at the postoffice store. A fine lot of garden and flower seeds just received. 4-2-w4

PARK PICKINGS.

Park, May 17, 1891.

Fruit trees in bloom.

Fine showers Saturday.

Cold north wind today.

Crops are looking very nice.

R. M. South and wife visited Union yesterday.

Lilly South is happy when out with her cart and pony.

Mr. and Mrs. South are on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Lee.

Gardens all made and potatoes planted and everybody happy.

Health good, generally, but Grandma Van is still on the sick list.

Arch Vanorder has been busy working on his house for some time past.

School is still in progress. The teacher has not lost a pupil yet and we hear of no growling.

Cornelius Van is in the Park on a visit to friends and relatives. He does not seem to improve in health much.

Sam Vanorder Jr., Jo South and Wallace Boyles have gone to the Seven Devils, in search of the gold bug.

The mill is running on full time now cutting from eight to ten thousand feet per day. Come one, come all, you can have lumber now.

W. T. Martin has finished breaking his meadow and Jo. Van has had some more breaking done. Sam Vanorder started in to break but the ground was too hard so he had to quit.

James Wisdom will put on two four-horse teams soon for the purpose of hauling lumber from the mill to Union. George Smith has been hauling with the mill team the past week.

Grandma Shaw, of Salem, is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. James Wisdom. She is 73 years old and very spry for one of her age. Her nephew, James Wade, of Carson valley California is here on a visit.

The Park and Big creek people think the Farmers' Alliance a good thing for the farmers. Hinckley's opinion notwithstanding. They are in hopes it will break the backbone of monopolies and trusts, tax church property and make a general reform; break down the saloons and play the devil generally. What does its principals advocate to bear anyone out in the assertion that the alliance is just to break up the democrat or republican party. If they are so corrupt as to legislate all for the rich and none for the poor, I say burst them wide open, the sooner the better. Let there be not a whole bone left in either one of the old parties. We have looked for, petitioned for, and prayed for to have something done for the benefit of the farmers, but our demands have been scorned and thrown in the waste basket. I say that the old parties have lived long enough. When any party or even the church, has full control of everything they are bound to become corrupt. So down with the money ring! Down with monopoly! Down with the trusts!

MOKE.

New type and material just received at this office, which better enables us to execute fine job work on short notice. Give us a call if you want a good, neat job.

Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at LaGrande, commencing at noon, Wednesday, May 27, 1891. Dated this May 11, 1891. H. S. STRANGE, County School Superintendent, Union County, Oregon. td

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Sealed proposals will be received at the county clerk's office at Union, Oregon, up to noon (12 M.) June 3, 1891, for building additional jury and office rooms and repairing the county court house, according to the plans and specifications now on file in the clerk's office.

The county court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the court.

TURNER OLIVER, Clerk.

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