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The glorious Fourth will be celebrated in Astoria with a double meaning. Aside from the patriotism which every man, woman and child must find some way to appropriately express, today there is another cause for making a noise. The announcement that the contract for the grading of the railroad has been let for the entire line to Goble will make every Astorian feel like firing cannon today.

Are the Democrats, after all, determined to waffle into oblivion? says the New York Herald. It looks that way. It looks a good deal as though the Democratic leaders once more, as in 1861, were bent on saving good bye to patriotism, to pride in their country's credit and fair name and—as a necessary result—a long goodbye to power and to influence for good.

What Democratic voters are going to stand aside if the free silver fanatics and Populist crowd are allowed to rule at Chicago? Well, let us see. Four and a half millions of persons have their lives insured for the benefit of their wives and children in this country. They have paid their premiums on a gold basis; if the free silver fanatics could have their way, these men, half of whom may fairly be supposed Democratic voters, would know that if they died, their helpless wives and children would be paid off in fifty or at most, sixty cent dollars. Again, there are nearly five million of savings bank depositors in this country. Let us say only half of these are Democrats. They put in their small and hard savings on a gold basis. If silver rules in Chicago, and should win in November, they would get back their hard savings in fifty or sixty cent silver dollars. Does any one, even a Populist, believe these will help a shabby Democratic party by their votes in November to rob themselves of half their savings? Again, nearly two millions of workmen have got nearly six hundred millions of dollars on a gold basis in about three hundred and fifty thousand buildings, homes and shops. Let us again count half of these to be Democratic voters, and does any free silver or Populist leader believe in his heart that these voters also will by their votes next November help a party which proposes and demands that they shall take fifty or sixty cents for every dollar they saved to put in these homes and shops of theirs? But they are not by any means all the Democratic voters whom the plainest self interest will lead to stand aside if Chicago waffles. Democratic workmen know that wherever there is a low priced dollar going it is inevitable, by a law of nature, that it is this low priced dollar with which the workman is paid off. There are many millions of Democratic workmen, and the majority of them know better than to help, by their votes next November, to fool and rob themselves. If at Chicago the Populist and free silver calamity howlers are permitted to rule, if the Democratic convention nominates a wabbling candidate on a wabbling platform, goodbye to Democratic rule for many years to come.

THEY CATCH AT A STRAW.

It is apparent that one thing only will save the hard-money Democrats from annihilation in the Chicago convention, and that is the two-thirds rule. If that is adhered to they realize that they have a fighting chance, but from the threats of the free silverites such an opportunity will not be granted, as the white metal advocates do not intend to allow their grand opportunity to pass by. The gold standard men will be made to understand that they are grasping a rope of sand should they hope to climb to victory in this manner. A majority vote is sufficient to abrogate this rule, and only the finest diplomacy can succeed in steering clear of this chasm.

A very interesting account of the history of the two-thirds rule, which may prove to be the turning point of the Democratic convention, has been published. It is a political legacy of the Baltimore convention of 1844. In the election of that year there were twenty-six states, and thirteen of these were in the South. The Southern states in which the Democratic party had its strongest hold were fearful of being outvoted in the Democratic convention under plurality rule, and they enforced upon the party in the interest of sectional autonomy the rule whereby the thirteen Southern states acting collectively might have for the protection of their material interests a practical veto power upon the proceedings of Democratic conventions and be enabled therefore to defeat any hostile candidates. Not until sixteen years later did

the two-thirds rule lead to a severance of harmonious relations between two Democratic factions in the Charleston convention of 1860. The Northern Democrats were able to summon to their support 153 delegates to 228 from the Southern states, a majority, but not a two-thirds majority. In 1860 there were thirty-three states. Forty-seven ballots were taken at Charleston without result, and as no choice was possible the convention adjourned, and later on there were two Democratic electoral tickets in the field.

Historically the two-thirds rule was established twelve years before the convention of 1844, but before it was first adopted in the Baltimore convention of May, 1832, presided over by Gen. Lucas, of Ohio, and it was then engrained on Democratic usage as a future precaution, for there was no contest in the election in the nomination of Jackson being unanimous. In the Democratic convention of Baltimore in May, 1836, there was no contest, either, VanBuren being unanimously nominated for the presidency, and still again in 1840, at the June convention of that year in Baltimore, Mr. Van Buren was for the second time unanimously chosen as the candidate of the Democracy for president. While the two-thirds rule had existed at three national conventions previous, its power was not invoked seriously until 1844, and there it operated to defeat the nomination of Van Buren, the leading candidate on the first ballot, and to bring about on the last ballot the nomination of a compromise candidate, Polk; since that time the two-thirds rule has been regarded as an agency for "killing off" favorite candidates in Democratic national conventions, though with no very good reason, for at all recent conventions the delegates have come to a choice with great rapidity and without recourse to many ballots under the two-thirds rule. In 1872 there was one ballot only, in 1876, at St. Louis, there were two ballots. In 1880 there were three. In 1884 there were two. In 1888 there was one only, and in 1892 there was only one ballot. The real object of the two-thirds rule is to act as a bar to sectionalism as a means of maintaining the truly national character of the Democratic party.

If it can be maintained at Chicago there will be some show to put "out of court" the soft money party, and good generalship might be able to bring them to a realization of their danger. But the western extremists are bitter and eastern men have a monumental task to uproot the prejudice or outwit their opponents.

MARVELOUS RESULTS.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gundersen, Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at Rives Junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption, and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work, and highly satisfactory in its results." Trial bottles free at Chas. Rogers' Drug Store. Regular size, 50c and \$1.00.

It is a pleasure for the young housekeeper to know that a scorched garment will return to its natural color if laid in the brilliant sunshine.

ELECTRIC BITTERS.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c and \$1.00 per bottle at Chas. Rogers' Drug Store.

A man can carry a baby in a way that would delude any one into thinking he was bringing home a package of meat for dinner.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

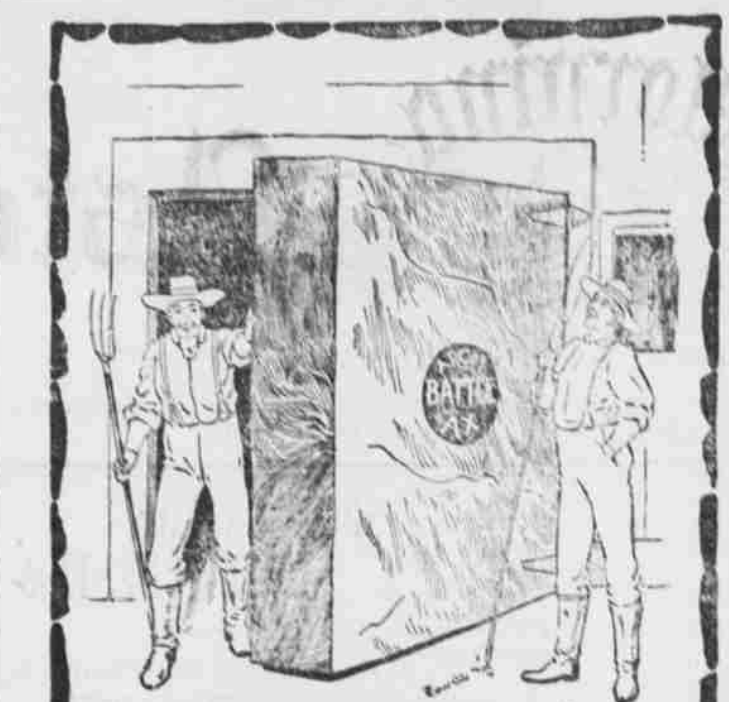
The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and All Skin Eruptions. It is a positive cure for Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by Chas. Rogers, Odd Fellows' building.

And now the minister thinks he is having a howling time when he sits down in the custard pie at the Sunday school picnic.

The two most critical times in a woman's life are the times which make the girl a woman and the woman a mother. At these times, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is of incalculable value. It strengthens and invigorates the organs distinctly feminine, promotes regularity of the functions, allays irritation and inflammation, checks unnatural, exhausting drains, and puts the whole delicate organism into perfect condition. Almost all the ills of woman-kind are traceable to some form of what is known as "female complaint." There are not three cases in a hundred of woman's peculiar diseases that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will not cure.

When you observe an aged feminine bicyclist the thought will prevail that we are glad the wheel was not known in our grandmother's time.

MEN of ALL AGES. Quickly, Thoroughly, Forever Cured. Four out of five who suffer nervousness, mental worry, attacks of "the blues," are but paying the penalty of early excesses, vices, and sins. Regular old-time sandalwood is worn by some beldames with their Empire gowns. The best chemical compound for washing powder is "Sesol Foam," as it will not "yellow the clothes," nor burn the hands. It's the finest thing in the world for the bath. One trial will convince you.



"Big as a Barn Door." Battle Ax PLUG. For 10 cents you get almost twice as much "Battle Ax" as you do of other high grade goods. Before the days of "Battle Ax" consumers paid 10 cents for a small plug of the same quality. Now, "Battle Ax"—Highest Grade, twice the quantity. That's true economy.

The custodian of a public library says that "The Ready Letter Writer" is the book most in demand by society women.

AMONG SOME OF THE FAIREST SCENES.

On this continent and in the tropics, malaria poisons the atmosphere with its pestilential breath, sowing the seeds of disease and death in every direction. It is in such localities that the preventive and remedial qualities of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are most conspicuously shown. For every form of malaria it is a signally efficacious remedy, and conquers disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels, remedies the weakness and lack of stamina which invites disease by leveling the barrier which a vigorous operation of the digestive and secretory organs opposes to it. No defensive medicine in use has stronger commendations in professional quarters both for purity and remedial qualities.

Though the sweeping skirt is undoubtedly more stylish than the short one, it is likewise undeniably slovenly.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a girl, she clung to Castoria. When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

"Jim's Toasters" are marvellous little conveniences that every housekeeper should have in her kitchen.

Ell Hill, Lumber City, Pa., writes: "I have been suffering from Piles for twenty-five years and thought my case incurable. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me as a pile cure, so I bought a box and it performed a permanent cure." This is only one of the thousands of similar cases. Eczema, sores and skin diseases yield quickly when it is used. Chas. Rogers.

Rain garments are now designed with as great elaboration as any to be worn under smiling blue skies.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

Marie Antoinette collars are used as a chic trimming for new organdie gowns.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventative of pneumonia, consumption, and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. Chas. Rogers.

If the mother is careful the baby's ears need never develop a maulish tendency.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Contains no Ammonia or Alum.

Bridal blossoms are now sent by the happy pair to sufferers in the hospitals.

"Wake up, Jacob, day is breaking!" so said DeWitt's Little Early Risers to a man who had taken them to arouse his sluggish liver. Chas. Rogers.

Regular old-time sandalwood is worn by some beldames with their Empire gowns.

The best chemical compound for washing powder is "Sesol Foam," as it will not "yellow the clothes," nor burn the hands. It's the finest thing in the world for the bath. One trial will convince you.

Overcoats and winter wraps will be in fashion. They can be discarded, temporarily while traveling in the steam-heated trains of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway. For solid comfort, for speed and for safety, no other line can compare with this great railway of the West.

Most so-called "salmow twines" are colored with acids. The acids rot the fibre and render the material useless. In the office of Elmore, Harbison & Co. is an object lesson that ought to be examined by all fishermen. It is the whole of the material used in the manufacture of Marshall's twine—from start to finish. Go there and examine the color right through. You will see then why Marshall's is called the best in the world.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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Declaration of Principles OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

The Republicans of the United States, assembled by their representatives in National Convention, appealing for the popular and historical justification of their claims to the matchless achievements of thirty years of Republican rule, earnestly and confidently address themselves to the awakened intelligence, experience and conscience of their countrymen in the following declaration of facts and principles.

For the first time since the Civil War the American people have witnessed the calamitous consequences of full and unrestrained Democratic control of the government. It has been a record of unparalleled incapacity, dishonor and disaster. In administrative management it has ruthlessly sacrificed indispensable revenue, entailed an increasing deficit, eeked out ordinary current expenses with borrowed money, piled up the public debt by \$22,000,000 in time of peace, forced an adverse balance of trade, to a perpetual menace hanging over the redemption fund, pawned American credit to alien syndicates and reversed all the measures and results of successful Republican rule. In the broad effect of its policy it has precipitated panic, blighted industry and trade with prolonged depression, closed factories, reduced work and wages, halted enterprise and crippled American production while stimulating foreign production for the American market. Every consideration of public safety and individual interest demands that the government shall be rescued from the hands of those who have shown themselves incapable of conducting it without disaster at home and dishonor abroad, and shall be restored to the party which for thirty years administered it with unequalled success and prosperity.

The Financial Issue. "The Republican party is unreservedly for sound money. It caused the enactment of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments in 1875; since then every dollar has been as good as gold. We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of our country. We are, therefore, opposed to the free coinage of silver, except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such agreement can be obtained we believe the existing gold standard must be preserved. All our silver and paper currency now in circulation must be maintained at a parity with gold, and we favor all measures designed to maintain inviolable the obligations of the United States, and all our money, whether coin or paper, at the present standard, the standard of the most enlightened nations of the earth."

The Protective Tariff. We renew and emphasize our allegiance to the policy of protection as the bulwark of American industrial independence and the foundation of American development and prosperity. This true American policy taxes foreign products and encourages home industry; it puts the burden of revenue on foreign goods, it secures the American market for the American producer; it upholds the American standard of wages for the American workman; it puts the factory by the side of the farm, and makes the American farmer less dependent on foreign demand and price; it diffuses general thrift and founds the strength of all on the strength of each. In its reasonable application it is just, fair, and impartial, equally opposed to foreign control and domestic monopoly, to sectional discrimination and individual favoritism. We denounce the present Democratic tariff as sectional, injurious to the public credit and destructive to business enterprise. We demand such equitable tariff on foreign imports which come into competition with American products as will not only furnish adequate revenue for the necessary expenses of the government, but will protect American labor from degradation to the wage level of other lands. We are not pledged to any particular schedules. The question of rates is a practical question, to be governed by the conditions of the time and production; the ruling and uncompromising principle is the protection and development of American labor and industry. The country demands a right settlement and then it wants rest.

Reciprocity With Other Nations. We believe the repeal of the reciprocity arrangements negotiated by the last Republican administration was a national calamity, and we demand their repeal and extension on such terms as will equalize our trade with other nations, remove the restrictions which now obstruct the sale of American products in the ports of other countries and secure the enlarged markets of our farms, forests and factories. Protection and reciprocity are twin measures of Republican policy, and go hand in hand. Democratic rule has recklessly struck down both, and both must be re-established. Protection for what we produce, free admission for the necessities of life which we do not produce, reciprocal agreements of mutual interest which gain open markets for us in return for our open market to others. Protection builds up domestic industry and trade and secures our own market for ourselves. Reciprocity builds up foreign trade and finds an outlet for our surplus.

Protection to Sugar Producers. We condemn the present administration for not keeping faith with the sugar producers of this country. The Republican party favors such protection as will lead to the production of American soil of all the sugar the American people use, and for which they pay other countries more than \$100,000,000 annually.

Wool and Wooleens. To all our products—to those of the mine and the field, as well as to those of the shop and the factory—to hemp, to wool, the product of the great industry of sheep husbandry, as well as to the finished wooleens of the mill—we promise the most ample protection.

Merchant Marine. We favor restoring the early American policy of discriminating duties for the up-building of our merchant marine and the protection of our shipping in the foreign carrying trade, so that American ships—the product of American labor, employed in American shipyards, sailing under the Stars and Stripes, and manned, officered and owned by Americans—may regain the carrying of our foreign commerce.

Immigration Laws. For the protection of the equality of our American citizenship and of the wages of our workmen against the fatal competition of low-priced labor, we demand that the immigration laws be thoroughly enforced, and so extended as to exclude from entrance to the United States those who can neither read nor write.

Civil Service. The Civil Service law was placed on the statute book by the Republican party, which has always sustained it, and we renew our repeated declarations that it shall be thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever practicable.

Free Ballot. We demand that every citizen of the United States shall be allowed to cast one free and unrestricted ballot, and that such ballot shall be counted and returned as cast.

Lynching Condemned. We proclaim our unqualified condemnation of the uncivilized and barbarous practices, well known as lynching or killing of human beings, suspected or charged with crime, without process of law.

National Arbitration. We favor the creation of a national board of arbitration to settle and adjust differences which may arise between employer and employed engaged in interstate commerce.

Free Homesteads. We believe in an immediate return to the free homestead policy of the Republican party and urge the passage by congress of the satisfactory free homestead measure which has already passed the house and is now pending in the senate.

Admission of Territories. We favor the admission of the remaining territories at the earliest practicable date, having due regard to the interests of the people of the territories and of the United States. All the federal officers appointed for the territories shall be selected from bona fide residents thereof, and the right of self-government shall be accorded as far as practicable.

Alaska Representation. We believe the citizens of Alaska should have representation in the congress of the United States to the end that useful legislation may be intelligently enacted.

Sumptuary Legislation. We sympathize with all wise and legitimate efforts to lessen and prevent the evils of temperance and promote morality.

Rights of Women. The Republican party is mindful of the rights and interests of women. Protection of American industries includes equal opportunities, equal pay for equal work and protection to the home. We favor the admission of women to wider spheres of usefulness, and welcome their co-operation in rescuing the country from Democratic and Populist mismanagement and misrule. Such are the principles and policies of the Republican party. By these principles we will abide and these principles we will put into execution. We ask for them the considerate judgment of the American people.

Confident alike in the history of our great party and in the justice of our cause, we present our platform and our considerations, in the full assurance that the election will bring victory to the Republican party and prosperity to the people of the United States.

Ladies and Children. Who travel by the Burlington Route are given particular care and attention. Just to illustrate that this means: A few months ago, five children whose ages ranged from three to eleven years, made the journey over our line from Ellensburg, Wash., to Kansas City, Mo. ENTIRELY UN-ACCOMPANIED. Tickets, time-tables, and full information about our service to Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago upon application to the nearest ticket agent or by addressing A. C. SHELDON, G. A. Portland, Oregon.

Independence of Cuba. From the hour of achieving their own independence the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggles of other American peoples to free themselves from European domination. We watch with deep and abiding interest the heroic battle of the Cuban patriots against cruelty and oppression, and our best hopes go out for the full success of their determined contest for liberty.

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