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Republicans Will Not Amalgamate
With Silverites.

ISSUE IS FOR SOUND MONEY

Mitchell Republican Overtures Cannot Be
Received Now by the Republi-
can Committee.

The Oregonian:
The republican county and city committees met yesterday to consider the matter of making reply to the communication sent recently to its chairman by the "Mitchell-republican" committee of the county and city. All the members were present. A prior meeting of the committee was held last Monday evening, at which a sub-committee was appointed to draft a reply. At the meeting yesterday the following was submitted, which was unanimously adopted:

Portland, Or., Jan. 4, 1898.
Hon. Sol Hirsch Chairman of the Mitch-
ell-republican Committee:

Dear Sir—Your communication of De-
cember 27 last addressed to Mr. Donald
Mackay, was laid before the republican
city and county committee. It being
deemed that matters over therein dis-
cussed by you which should properly be
brought to the attention of the whole
committee. The committee has carefully
considered the matters to which you ad-
dress, and now submits the same.

The members of the committee are of
one mind as to the necessity of harmoni-
ous action on the part of all republicans.
The importance of this, too, is emphasized
from day to day, as the efforts of all
parties opposed to the sound financial
policy of the republican party, makes it
manifest that diverging minor differ-
ences they are to unite in one common
assault upon that party which is the
minion of sound finance and good gov-
ernment.

The committee will at all times receive
with satisfaction suggestions which may
be made to it from any source that will
bring support to the principles of our
party and cement its members in closer
union. Yet it must be remembered that,
while questions of opinion and party pol-
icy admit of compromise, principles do
not.

We cannot agree with you that our dif-
ferences grow out of the primary elec-
tion of 1896. The causes are long anteri-
or to that election. They arose out of ques-
tions that had their beginning many years
ago. It is the money question that has
divided us. We could not approve the
course of those who have endeavored for
the free coinage of silver.

What was the state of affairs at the
opening of the campaign of 1896? One of
our senators and our two representatives
were, and long had been, advocates of
free coinage of silver. For that reason
we were unwilling that they should be
returned. We could not consent then, nor
can we consent now, in any action or
course that would result in sending either
to the senate or to the house men not
known to be opposed to the free coinage
of silver. This is the position of the
republican party. On this position we stand.

Upon this ground we opposed the
return of Mr. Mitchell to the senate, and
Mr. Ells to the house. When the cam-
paign of 1896 began these gentlemen were
active candidates for reelection and they
had been flooding the state with free-silver
literature for years.

From the time when the question of the
free and unlimited coinage of silver came
before the Senate of the United States
down to the time when it left the senate,
Hon. John H. Mitchell, senator from this
state, constantly spoke and voted for it.
His influence with the republican party
was such that in 1896, at a time when the
subject was little understood, he became a
candidate for reelection to the senate.
Our friends, at his instance, caused a
plank to be inserted in the republican plat-
form committing the republican party of
Oregon to the free and unlimited coinage
of silver at 16 to 1. He and they followed
this up by attempting again in 1892 to
have a similar declaration incorporated
in the platform of that year, intending
to commit the republican party of this
state further to this course. On the 9th
day of January, 1896, a few weeks before
the opening of the campaign of that year,
he delivered in the senate an elaborate
speech, which he scattered by thousands
over Oregon, denouncing the gold stand-
ard as the source of the difficulties of the
country, attributing to it the alleged per-
versity of the people, and urging free coin-
age of silver as a remedy. Mr. Mitchell,
in his advocacy of free silver, had been
able to carry the Oregon delegation with
him, with one notable exception.

With other republicans of Oregon, the
republicans of Multnomah county deter-
mined to resist this effort to commit the
republican party further to these false
principles. They thought it high time
that the direction of the party in Oregon
should be taken out of the hands of Mr.
Mitchell and his supporters and committed
to the advocacy and support of sound
principles.

For this reason we have opposed the
return of Hon. John H. Mitchell to the
Senate. You have striven, and will strive
still, to re-elect him. Upon that issue we
separated. You were unable to control
the county convention, and named a ticket
which you called "Mitchell republican."

It so stands on the official records of
the county.

What, then, is the difference between
us? We are republicans, you are "Mit-
chell-republicans." We oppose the election
to the Senate of Mr. Mitchell, or any other
man who is not decidedly opposed to free
coinage of silver, and levated therefore
to the mainstays of the gold standard.
You want to return Mr. Mitchell to the
Senate, and that is the sole object for
which your organization exists, regard-
less of the fact that he has always spoken
in the Senate and elsewhere for free coin-
age of silver, has always voted in the

Senate for it, and never yet, so far as
we are aware, has made any statement,
public or private, that he would not con-
tinue to do. We are unwilling to elect
or to accept in the election of any man
to the Senate or House who occupies this
position. We wish to send men to con-
gress who are known to be opponents of
free coinage of silver, and who may be
relied on to support the gold standard.

Upon the matters that might come up
for arbitration under your proposal, an
impartial arbitrator may be agreed upon.
However, it can hardly be said that Judge
Williams would be an impartial arbitrator.
No one has been more zealous in his
advocacy of the "Mitchell-republican"
cause than has Judge Williams. He has been
since the time he first took the seat with the
"Mitchell-republicans" in the state conven-
tion of 1896. Every act of his has
been directed to strengthen the cause of "Mit-
chell-republicans." Through his effort the
delegation to the state convention from
Multnomah county was divided between
the republicans and the "Mitchell republi-
cans," with the exception of two delega-
tives, who were elected without opposi-
tion, as a matter of personal compi-
lement—Judge Williams and Sol Hirsh.
Judge Williams, thus having it in his
power to maintain, if he had seen fit to do
so, the equality of the two contending
parties before the state convention, instead
of doing so, sided on every occasion
with the "Mitchell-republicans" and whose only
qualification or requirement was the ex-
ception that they would vote for the re-
election of Senator Mitchell, but also the
candidates nominated in opposition to the
nominees of the republican county con-
vention for county and city offices, and an
alliance was formed with the enemies
now generally denominated as the "Pen-
nyroyal push," by means of which Pen-
nyroyer and his satellites have been fol-
lowed upon the people of this city.

In the county convention of 1896, which
assembled in the A. O. U. W. Hall, this
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attempt was made by force and mob vio-
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secure the organization of the party in
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maged in the designation of "Mitchell re-
publicans." It is unnecessary to recite
what took place on that occasion, nor is
it necessary to call attention to the out-
rageous conduct of those now known as
"Mitchell-republicans" at the primary
election in April, 1896. The events are too
recent to require restatement.

This committee is now asked to dis-
credit the convention which selected it; to
cast aspersions upon the action of that
convention, by admitting that that con-
vention had no power to appoint this
committee; that the convention that nomi-
nated the republican legislative, county
and city ticket, and was regularly called
and held, should not be called the re-
publican convention of Multnomah county,
and that this committee has not the
right or power to perform the duties
which by party usage devolve upon the
republican city and county committee.
This committee is not prepared to do this;
but it does not believe that the integrity of the
committee shall be maligned.

In conclusion, this committee begs to
suggest that it is not impressed with the
belief that the "Mitchell-republican" com-
mittee in submitting its proposition for
what in effect it calls an harmonious set-
tlement of party differences, is actuated
by a sincere or earnest desire to unite the
republican party. Nor is it convinced
that your committee desires or in any
way expects that its proposition should
be accepted. The communication that
you submitted to the chairman of this
committee had hardly been received by
me before it was published with great
headlines and unusual prominence in a
daily paper published in the city of Port-
land, preceded and followed with state-
ments of glaring inaccuracy and highly
colored in the interests of the "Mitchell
republicans." Men who wish to compro-
mises or settle matters of difference usually
are able to accomplish it when am-
bated by a sincere desire for peace and
harmony. They do not find it necessary
to herald their opinions to the public in
advance of the efforts to be made for
such compromises. They seek in a quiet
and unobtrusive way to meet the adverse
parties, discuss the differences, and settle
them on a basis mutually agreeable and
without loss of self-respect. The course
adopted by your committee leads us to
infer that your proposition is not sup-
ported by a sincere desire to settle hon-
estly and amicably any differences that
may exist. It appears to us to be more
of an effort to obtain an undue advantage
in securing the peace and promote the
best interests of the republican party.
For these reasons this committee cannot
accept the terms proposed in your com-
munication.

In due time this committee will issue its
call in the usual way, for republican pri-
maries. It will ask for the republican
party the co-operation and support of all
persons willing to assist in maintaining
the principles for which the republican
party stands. It will not expect the
assistance of the "Pennyroyal push" in the
primaries, nor ask the help of pupilles
nor silver democats, nor expect the aid
of persons of any political designation
who may be unwilling to declare without
equivocation against free coinage of sil-
ver, and to insist, moreover, that the
gold standard, the actual standard of our
money during more than 20 years past
shall be preserved. We shall take every
precaution that the primary election shall
be open and fair. Our purposes are the
election to congress of men of sound
monetary principles, and clear retrench-
ment and economy in state and local af-
fairs. We shall invite the assistance and
co-operation of all men who believe that
these objects are the great needs of the
present time. All persons who may be
willing to join with us on this basis will
receive welcome. But we cannot abdicate
on the one hand nor permit the
followers of a politician of uncertain
principles to dictate to us on the other.
Very respectfully,

DONALD MACKAY,
Chairman Republican City and County
Central Committee of the City of
Portland and Multnomah County.
A. W. WITMERELL, Secretary Pro Tem.

The ticket nominated by the convention
from which the "Mitchell-republicans" se-
ceded was everywhere known as the re-
publican ticket. Never once was this dis-
puted by the "Mitchell-republicans." Dur-
ing the early part of the campaign they
had avoided the aid of the court pre-
pared over by Hon. D. D. Shattuck, to assist
them in obtaining their rights, as they
claimed them, but never before Judge
Shattuck or elsewhere was any effort
made to restrain or prevent the use
of the designation "republican" by the can-
didates nominated by the republican con-
vention. On the contrary, they acquies-
ced in the action of the Clark of the
county court in so designating the ticket.
They made no claim to the title "republi-
can," but adopted the name of "Mit-
chell republican," under which title they,
in common with their allies, the poppettes
and free-silver democrats, made war upon

the republican ticket. Speakers were im-
ported from other states to join them in
their crusade against the republican ticket.

In the presidential campaign of 1896, the
labor developed in this committee of
organizing Multnomah county in the in-
terest of the republican party, and conducting
the campaign in this county. The
"Mitchell republican" committee took no
part in the organization, conduct or manage-
ment of the party in that campaign.
Indeed, several members of your committee
then constituted openly advocated the
election of Mr. Bryan, and to a large
extent had charge of Mr. Bryan's cam-
paign in this state.

In the preceding campaign in the spring
of 1896 your committee was not engaged
in an endeavor to assist in the election
of a republican candidate. On the contrary,
every possible effort was made to
defeat the candidate nominated by the
regular republican organization, and to
elect not only the candidates nominated for
the legislature who were denominated
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