

BOHEMIA NUGGET.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1900.

The city council has entered into a contract with W. H. Abrams for five years to erect and maintain a power and light plant and to provide the city with thirty 32-candle power and seventeen 16-candle power lamps for street illumination at the nominal price of \$115 per month. The contract makes provision for further lights at any time during the tenure of the contract at \$2.60 for 32 and \$1.60 for 16 power burners. It is provided that the contractor begin construction of the plant within two weeks and push the work to completion at the earliest possible time. Contractor Abrams will put in new and powerful dynamos and the best of modern appliances and when the plant is installed it will be an up-to-date one in all respects and the streets will be well lighted. Before the fire burned up the former plant the lights were blurred, dim and uncertain, but for all that they were a God-send to the utter darkness that now prevails, and when the new plant is completed and turns on the electric current the citizens of Cottage Grove will have cause for much rejoicing. It is expected that it will require about six weeks or until about the first of January before the new light will be turned on.

The Nugget at no time during the campaign had a doubt of the result of the presidential election, but it is somewhat surprised that the victory was so sweeping and complete for republican principles of sound money, prosperity, expansion and progress. The people have spoken in thunder tones and the verdict is against Bryanism and democratic theories. Every northern state except Montana is found in the republican column. For national honor and integrity the Pacific states stand proudly forth. California gave the republican standard bearers 40,000, Oregon 15,000 and Washington 10,000. The outcome assures the people of this great country four years more of good times.

On the front page of this issue is a communication that should be read and acted upon by the moneyed men of this community. A smelter is something that Bohemia needs and needs badly. Too long already have the business men of this town waited for capital to come in from the outside to supply this want. "God helps those who help themselves," is an old proverb, and no town or camp was ever built up without the business element put their shoulders to the wheel and all push together. When a smelter is built in Bohemia money will flow into this town, and that flow of money is just what this town wants and must have if it is ever to amount to anything. Now is the time to be doing something and all should work to that end.

Henry Villard, the well-known railroad magnate, financier and philanthropist died in New York on November 12. A number of years ago he donated a library to the University of Oregon and Villard Hall is named in his honor. He was born in Spire, Bavaria, April 11, 1835 and came to this country in 1853. He possessed a university education and was a student of law and became one of the leading railroad financiers of this age.

President J. H. Orcutt of the Drain Normal School writes the Nugget to extend an invitation to attend an educational meeting to be held at Drain on Friday evening and Saturday the 23d and 24th inst. Superintendent Ackerman will give an address on Friday evening the 23d.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

The ninth annual session of the National Irrigation Congress which meets in Chicago, November 21, 22, 23 and 24, 1900, will discuss the conservation of the water resources of the west by forest preservation and the construction of federal storage reservoirs, and the motto of the congress will be "Save the Forests and Store the Floods." The manufacturing and business interests of the east have been quick to see their advantage in a general reclamation of the west, and they will be well represented.

The key to western prosperity is water. The congress of the United States practically controls the question of water development.

The building of great federal storage reservoirs would reclaim hundreds of acres where now single acres are reclaimed by private capital.

The Irrigation Congress has assumed a national character, and the programme which has been prepared for this session will attract wide attention. Some of the most prominent men of the country will speak—senators and members of congress, government officials and some of the heaviest business men of Chicago, who see the chance for development of trade through the opening of the west by irrigation. The great Auditorium Theater, which seats 4000 people, has been secured for the evening sessions, and illustrated lectures will be given on forestry and irrigation.

The National Irrigation Association has the matter in hand, and is striving hard to bring the subject forward as the one greatest and most important question now before the country.

THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

Returns from all the states are now complete and the result shows that McKinley has received 292 and Bryan 155. Kentucky is in the Bryan column given below, but the republicans claim to be beaten out of its count by fraud and will contest for that state:

FOR M'KINLEY	
California	9
Connecticut	6
Delaware	3
Illinois	24
Indiana	15
Iowa	13
Kansas	10
Maine	6
Maryland	8
Massachusetts	15
Michigan	14
Minnesota	9
Nebraska	8
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	10
New York	36
North Dakota	3
Ohio	23
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	32
Rhode Island	4
South Dakota	4
Utah	3
Vermont	4
Washington	4
West Virginia	6
Wisconsin	12
Wyoming	3
Total	292
FOR BRYAN	
Alabama	11
Arkansas	8
Colorado	4
Florida	4
Georgia	13
Idaho	3
Kentucky	13
Louisiana	8
Mississippi	9
Missouri	17
Montana	3
Nevada	3
North Carolina	11
South Carolina	9
Tennessee	12
Texas	15
Virginia	12
Total	155

At last accounts from the hospitals in Portland two of the victims of the Cow Creek wreck, Engineer Drennan and Fireman Riddle, were getting along nicely and it was thought would pull through.

AFTERMATH OF ELECTION.

Eastern Papers Comment on How it Happened.

The New York World, Dem., says: When the 16-to-1 plank was separately reaffirmed, upon the direct demand of Mr. Bryan and with the complacent assistance of Croker, though against the clearly expressed judgment of the delegates the fate of the ticket was sealed. That plank became a millstone around the candidate's neck. It was impossible to keep the money question out of the campaign, even though as an issue it was dead. Mr. Bryan's silence on 16 to 1 in the east led to attacks upon his sincerity, and was regarded as an admission of the utter defenselessness of the plank he had insisted upon reiterating. If the free-silver policy was "party suicide" in 1896, it was a provocation to "punishment after death" in 1900. Doubtless the decisive idea in the minds of tens of thousands of voters who supported McKinley unwillingly was to doubly safeguard the currency, the life-blood of industry, and to protect prosperity from even the menace of danger. They would "rather bear the ills we have than to fly to others that we know not of."

The Philadelphia Ledger, Ind., says: For four years more a republican administration will control the affairs, foreign and domestic, of the nation. To the republican party the people have voted a continuance of authority. That does not mean, however, that all the administration's past policies and acts have been given a vote of confidence. With respect to some of these policies and acts many loyal republicans were and still are radically divided in opinion and conviction, and they stood together at the polls only upon the vital issue of a sound, safe, honest currency. To hold them as a compact party always sufficient to win the victory, the administration must do that which all sagacious and patriotic Americans can and will approve and uphold. The vote of confidence, if given at all, will be given four years hence. Yesterday the sole issue was safe, honest money, for which McKinley and Roosevelt unconquerably stood.

The Baltimore American says: Here is the opportunity the democracy has been waiting for. The conservative intelligence and sturdy manhood of that party since the hour of Bryan's ascendancy has recognized in him the very opposite of all that was desirable. In the hour of his defeat it is possible for that better element to purge the party of Bryan and Bryanism. Quick, concerted action will do the work, and send Bryan among the populists, where he properly belongs. If such action is taken, the democracy will rid itself of Bryan and his nostrums and make possible its return to the faith and department of its founders. It will then be worthy the support of reputable and orderly men, and America will be saved from the disgrace of another campaign such as this has been. The way to regenerate is to regenerate, and if the democracy really desires regeneration, now is its opportunity.

The Chicago Chronicle, Dem., says: From Maine westward to the Rocky Mountains, north of the Ohio River line, there is not a democratic governor, there is not a United States senator, there are few democratic congressmen and democrats in office of any description are so rare that a party embracing at least one-half of the population may be said almost with literal truth to have been excluded from participation in public affairs. To this humiliating estate the mongrel combination between the worst elements of democracy North and South and the populism of the West has brought a once proud political organization which has controlled the affairs of the republic in many important eras and which

should control them today.

The Atlanta Constitution, Dem., says: The result by no means affects seriously either the present or the future of the country. Our people have the happy faculty of taking care of their interests individually, which constitutes the safety of the aggregate. They may at times be blinded to the purposes of a party in power, but they will be so quick in resenting action that even the boldest would be brought to a halt. The sun will rise and set, and business will continue in its accustomed course, regardless of the vagaries of politics. The people who have taken care of themselves so well heretofore will continue to do so.

BORN.

VEATCH—Near Divide, November 10, 1900, to the wife of John Veatch, a daughter.

Since the advent of the little 8-pound miss John is the happiest man on the Divide. Mother and baby are getting along finely and there is much joy in the Veatch home.

DIED.

TAIT—At San Jose, California, November 8, 1900, John Tait, aged 68 years, 1 month and 24 days. Interment in the Howe cemetery east of Creswell, on November 10, 1900.

John Tait, of Creswell, Oregon, died of heart disease at San Jose, California, Nov. 8, 1900, aged 68 years, 1 month and 24 days. He was born in the Shetland Islands, Sept. 12, 1832, and came to Canada with his parents when six years of age and later they settled near Chicago, Ill. In 1850 he went to the gold fields of California, where he worked for six years and was fairly successful. In 1856 he returned east and engaged in farming near Joliet, Ill. He removed to Oregon May 3, 1876, and bought a farm near Creswell, Lane county, and had resided there continuously since. He was married to Miss Eliza J. Owen, of Frankfort Station, Ill. Jan. 5th, 1860, and was the father of ten children. His wife, four children, John L. of Clarksville, Tenn., Arthur B. of Creswell, Wm. W. of Shedd, Bortha E. of Creswell, and one brother, Magnus Tait of Confidence, California, survive him.

LONG—At Saginaw, November 13, 1900, Robert Long, son of William and Lillie Long, aged 1 year, 2 months and 25 days.

The fond parents have the deep sympathy of their many friends in the loss of their baby boy, but consolation will come in the thought that the Heavenly Father has called him to join the angelic hosts on high.

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