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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

REPUBLICANS. F. J. Miller, Albany R. R. Butler, Baker City J. A. Lee, Portland A. C. Marsters, Roseburg

DEMOCRATIC. Sam White, Baker City E. J. S. McAllister, Portland Bernard Daly, Portland O. P. Conhow, Roseburg

ISSUE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

One Platform is Conservative, the Other Radical.

Brooklyn Eagle (Dem.)

So surely as the Denver and Chicago conventions adopted platforms and nominated candidates, so surely did they make an issue, which as yet is unexpressed in words.

It is not to be praised nor commended. Indeed, it is to be deplored. The element of sectionalism is thereby introduced. This is to be feared.

Each convention was dominated by a controlling personality. The exercise of personal force was sufficient in the Chicago convention to deny the claims of the radical element of the Republican party for representation of its ideas in the platform.

There was a logical consequence. The West alone is represented in the men chosen to stand on the platform made by the Democratic convention—Bryan from Nebraska and Kern from Indiana.

MR. TAFT'S ACCEPTANCE.

Mr. Taft's speech of acceptance may be defined as a straightforward discussion by the republican candidate for president, of the issues of the campaign, with a clear statement of what he believes and will advocate if elected.

Upon the subject of injunctions, which will apparently be a main topic of the campaign, Mr. Taft defines his position clearly. He

NEWSPAPER CHANGES HANDS.

Our esteemed contemporary, Western Oregon, has changed ownership. C. J. Howard has laid down his trenchant and fluent pen after a good many years service in this city, slid out of the editorial chair and vacated the sanctum, after having transferred the paper, business and good will to J. S. Bath, of Bandon.

Amendment of the anti-trust law so as to prevent restraint of trade is advocated by Mr. Taft, and he favors a system of voluntary licensing and publicity rather than the Democratic plan of licensing all concerns controlling 25 per cents of the products in which they deal.

Mr. Taft points out that the compulsory insurance of deposits would be an unjust tax upon the honest banker, for the benefit of the dishonest, and he prefers the postal savings bank as a better provision for safety of deposits.

Upon the subject of tariff revision Mr. Taft has little to offer in addition to what has been already said in the Republican platform and by the Republican leaders.

Liberal praise of the Roosevelt administration is plentiful in the Taft address as one might expect it would be.

While the republican platform was silent on election of United States Senators by direct vote, Mr. Taft came out flat-footed in favor of the measure.

It is a dignified address meeting every issue squarely and discussing it courageously.

A FANATICAL CANDIDATE.

In the candidate for president on the prohibition ticket, we evidently have a man of radical ideas, and while he may be temperate in his habits, he is most surely intemperate in his utterances. Last week he announced:

"If I am elected President of the United States, I will have a Congress which will pass a prohibitory law and if there are any communities that refuse to obey the law and the civic authorities are unable to enforce it, I shall use the power conferred upon me by the constitution and call out the militia, the Standing Army and the Navy and enforce prohibition on every inch of territory under the American flag."

The Honorable Eugene Chafin would evidently solve the prohibition question by killing off all of the anti-prohibis and thereby speedily and effectually overcoming all opposition. He has more faith in controlling human appetites and passions by the use of modern guns and smokeless powder than by statutory law. This reminds us of the sage declaration: "We must have peace if we have to fight for it."

In making such fanatical assertions, Mr. Chafin is doing the cause more injury than good. We favor temperance, believing it promotes clear heads and sober minds in men, bringing them up to the moral, commercial and industrial requirements of life, believe the cause is right and will prevail, but not through the party which sets up men like Mr. Chafin for its standard bearers.

The great tidal wave of public sentiment against the liquor traffic, which is sweeping over the country is the result of policies, principles and influences, other than those represented by Mr. Chafin and the cause will be worked out to a practical conclusion through this combination of influences.

If things keep moving in Cottage Grove at the present rate much longer the old town will be enjoying a genuine boom, instead of a steady and substantial growth.

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A bounteous harvest in this part of the Willamette valley means lively times the coming fall.

The people may revere the courts, but not all judges.

The anxiety is over. Taft has accepted the nomination.

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