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Till After The November Election.

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For Vice President, LEVI P. MORTON, of New York.

For Presidential Electors, ROBERT McLEAN, WM. KAPUS, C. W. FULTON.

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The Salt Lake Tribune, a stalwart republican sheet, figures up the presidential canvass to the following effect: A great many people predict a close, a very close election this year. We do not. We believe the result will be a mighty victory and an overwhelming defeat. We believe that either Mr. Harrison will carry a solid north, with perhaps two or three southern states, or that Mr. Cleveland not only carry the south and the four doubtful northern states but two or three besides that are considered doubtful now. The point will be how the silent masses will speak, when they do speak at the polls. We believe that will be determined by the kind of campaign that is planned by the respective parties. It will be a test of platforms, and there will be more study and thought given the issue this year than ever before since 1864. In that year national life and honor hung upon the result, and the answer which the people gave was very grand. This year it will be a question of which policy gives the best promise of prosperity and progress to the people. Next to a question of patriotism, the people respond quickest to a question which strikes their pockets. It will be for the orators and the newspapers to make this matter as clear as possible from the data at hand. It is not a very safe business to lay heavy wagers on the result for a month or two to come.

One would think that the oft recurring history of such polygamists as a man named Brown, who has just been arrested in Chicago, and sent to Michigan for trial, would open the eyes of foolish mothers who have foolish daughters. The scoundrel has been married eighteen times, at least five times in different points in Michigan, two or three times in Illinois, and eight or ten times in other states. His method was to drop down where he was unknown, pass as a respectable man of means, find some soft hearted and headed young lady of a little property, marry, spend or get her money, and then disappear. He played his game long and successfully, for our poor world is full of simpletons, ready to believe that a man is all right because he says he is all right, and to take his word without any knowledge whatever, of his past history. But he played his game one too often, and it is likely that he will spend the rest of his days in penitentiary solitude with unlimited opportunities for reflection upon his misdeeds, and thoughts of eighteen women whose lives he has blasted. Shall we pity them? They are subjects of pity. But they took him without inquiry, for better or for worse, and the result is what might have been expected. Yet, others of their sex, unwarned by such examples, will share the same fate at the hands of other scoundrels, and silly mothers who ought to have some sense, will encourage their daughters in their folly. Between accident, design and foolishness, the door that opens into the hall of misery is ever on the swing. Keep away from it.

The Christian Union sums up the political situation in this terse manner: "The issue between the two great parties is so plain that he who runs may read, and in this election a protection democrat or a free trade republican would be a contradiction in terms. The one question is, whether the well-being of the country demands the maintenance of a protective system, or a modification and a first step toward the final abandonment of that system, and the establishment in its place of a system of taxation for revenue only."

Enterprising Advertising.

The Monmouth Board of Improvement is showing a commendable spirit of enterprise in taking steps to advertise our own and county at the national Teachers' Association, at present in session in San Francisco. Thousands of teachers and visitors from all parts of the United States are in attendance, many of whom are on the lookout for desirable locations in the West, either for themselves or friends. The Board has secured, at considerable expense a table for advertising purposes at the Oregon Headquarters, and has forwarded to P. O. Stanley, who will be in charge, samples of Polk county wheat, oats, barley and fruit for the enlightenment of the visiting easterner. In addition to this exhibit, the Board has sent 450 copies of the Resources of Oregon, the handsome description pamphlet just issued by State Agricultural Society, with the letter returned down at Polk county. A number of the Board of Improvement circulars and Normal School circulars are folded in each pamphlet. All this literature, though dull to us perhaps, is of the greatest interest to people curious to know about the state, and will go doubt be passed from hand to hand until much of it reaches the remotest parts of the union. Requests for just this kind of information are daily pouring into the state by the thousand. All that Polk county needs is a little intelligent activity in the way of advertising to attract the most desirable kind of immigration. The resources, the climate, and the beauty of scenery are all here; enterprise and capital would stand an increase.

Indianapolis has been the Mecca of political pilgrims since the Chicago convention. Throngs of the delegates took that city in on their way home. The committee appointed to notify Mr. Harrison of his appointment, have discharged their trust and been informed that he fully indorsed the platform on which he was expected to stand and would accept the honor conferred upon him. Other men of national reputation and clubs representing many places, have visited Indianapolis to confer with their chieftain. The presence of all these classes give assurance of push to the forthcoming campaign.

Henry Watterson had printed on the first page of his brilliant newspaper, *Courier-Journal*, on the Fourth of July, President Cleveland's message on tax reduction. This document took the place, as Watterson editorially explained, of the Declaration of Independence. But after the votes are counted next November Henry will find the fickle phantom very dependent, and its being lost and given up to despair. This beacon of free trade instead of independence is dependence to Great Britain, and we will be careful of this Jack o' lantern that holds out its deceptive light and bids for followers.

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AT THE POST OFFICE STORE,

Churchill & Monteith, Independence, Oregon.

A Legend of Old Polk.

It happened not far off, just over in Polk. And it is told now and then as a laughable joke. But its as true as the words told of Boaz and Ruth. Or the incident named in the good book of a fella. When a man found the nestful in the mouth of a fella. Which met in his mind a most worrying wish. To wit, a bright ducent with which to pay tax. And thus he light bonds of the law to relax. For Caesar he published that in a few days He must pay up his dues and so mend his ways. But now for the story of glorious old Polk. The clerk and the calf and the yellow pine yoke. It is told of an early day Polk county clerk. That when he got through with his regular work. His entry of judgments, of orders, decrees. He'd walk out and inhale the sweet salt sea breeze. He had a fine calf which he'd carefully drilled. Till his orders of back, gee and law were well filled. This calf, be it said here, was quite an old calf. It was high onto a year and a half. One day he struck a thought which had long lain perdue. Concluded one morning to have something new. The thought made him circle and quietly laugh. To be yoked up along with his lovely pet calf O docile sweet calf! breath sweet as new milk Its hide is as glossy and soft as fine silk. It may be pure durham or clearstained holstein. Whose ancestors fed on banks of the Rhine. Thus mused our clerk a kalf on the ear And the horns assailed them from north, east and west. When one give our clerk a kalf on the ear And something also seemed to startle the steer Clerk waved his plug hat to drive off the foe. The calf all at once seemed to think they should go. Its back it humped up, raised its tail high aloft. Ploped hard and stiff legged, blared loudly and off. Then struck for the court house at 2-40 speed Nor thought of his clerkship nor of his great need. It yanked the scribe on at a thirty foot stride Who to the roused townsmen stentoriously cried. "O here we do come, do! gait our fool souls. Stop, stop us somebody, the raging sea rolls! Townsmen in force bravely fronted the steer Bore down on its flank and invested its rear. At last when the beast had cavorted its fill. And got out of breath, they made it be still. When some person present well versed in ox lore. Presented himself this fagged couple before. Proceeded to take the clerk out of the yoke. Who in accents short, brokenly, gaspingly spoke; In manner quite far from the urban or bland "Fool, take the yoke off of the calf I'll stand" Which caused some bystanders to wink and to laugh. To see what great love he yet had for the calf. Some say that clerk's eastward, a grave and learned judge. Who from the strict line of the law does not budge. Some say he's a preacher, does not like to be yoked. Yet preachers "be ye not unequally yoked." There needs not much more this store to fill. It happened in Dallas across on the hill. —X. L.

The Harrison campaign hat is white, with a light lavender band. The Cleveland hat is white, also, with a wide black band, like a mourning weed. The mugwumps wear bonnets.

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