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## THE OBSERVER FOR FOUR MONTHS.

### Republican National Ticket.

For President,  
BENJAMIN HARRISON,  
of Indiana.

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

For Presidential Electors,  
ROBERT McLEAN, Wm. KAPIS,  
C. W. FULTON.

Platform: Protection of American Industries, American Homes for Workingmen.

The Democratic papers all over the country suppress the reports of General Harrison's speeches. And yet they call themselves newspapers. They are afraid to let their readers read for themselves.

Harrison's graduating address was on "The poor of England." He was a protectionist at nineteen, and is now in mature manhood.

If there is less shouting in this campaign than in some campaigns of former years, there is a great deal of harmony and dogged determination everywhere. That's what counts.

Even trade is looking up and the crops, with few exceptions, are good. If heaven helps those who help themselves, so does it help a party that helps mankind. Fate and votes will certainly elect Harrison and Morton.

The Potsdam, New York, Herald, tells of a Republican pole-raising in that state, where, just as all was ready, a prominent citizen and Democrat stepped forward and said: "Gentlemen! I desire that no Republican hand should be applied to the raising of this pole. There are here nineteen Democrats who crave the honor of doing the job." And so it was done. The Republicans stood back and the nineteen Democrats raised it, as a declaration of their purpose to vote for Harrison and Morton and Protection.

Business prospects are made bright by the hopeful feeling which prevails regarding the future of trade. Anticipations of prosperity have kept pace with hopes of Republican success. Money will feel safe under a safe man like Harrison. *Cleveland Leader.*

Dozens of our Republican contemporaries remark that the enemy is on the run. Well, it does look so, but don't let's be too sure about this business. Let's follow General Grant's maxim—like 'em so they'll stay licked. Besides, it isn't safe to trust appearances. Every Republican should work from now until the polls close on the night of November 6, as if the success of the ticket and the platform depended on his individual effort.

General Harrison is certainly proving himself to be one of the most interesting and resourceful public speakers that the country has ever known. His addresses are models of vigor, dignity and good taste, and no man in the party is doing more to bring about that splendid triumph of Republican principles which is now practically assured.

The Republican papers protest everything Cleveland chooses to say, but the Democratic journals won't print what Harrison says, day after day, to the thousands who call upon him. They refuse to give him a hearing because he has demolished their side something less than a thousand times since he was nominated.

It stands for Harrison, happiness, health; while M is for Morton, with ability and wealth; P's for Protection, Pie, Plenty and Pelf; and together they're all for Pork, Potatoes, Peaches, Preserves, Potpie, Pudding and a whole lot of good things, that the Emigrant comes to Protected America to get.

Some say there isn't as much enthusiasm among the Republicans as four years ago. They ought to remember it is ballots, not enthusiasm, that figures in the count on election night. The moral is apparent.

### FROM ELDER MESSICK.

DEAR OBSERVER.—Your smiling face entered its first appearance today in this stirring, bustling and rustling railroad city of 6000 inhabitants. We were very glad to meet you and hope to see you each week whilst we tarry outside the Willamette valley.

On Friday morning Sept. 27 at 2 o'clock our magnificent engine, with 9 large and elegant coaches attached, pulled us all out of the Northern Pacific depot at the metropolis of Oregon, and by 7 o'clock we were in the new and thriving city of Tacoma where we tarried only long enough for breakfast and then were off for near one days trip in and among the mountains. We saw for the first time the lofty peak of Mount Tacoma whose capped summit seemed to kiss the heavens and to stand a solitary sentinel upon the out-wastes of eternity. After leaving the beautiful and very fertile valley of Puget, noted for its fine hops, we saw nothing of interest to us until we had passed through the long tunnel and entered the valley of Ellensburg and Yakima. These however possess but little interest to one who has resided for three years in the most desirable part of Oregon—the unsurpassed Willamette valley. Night overtook us at the latter town and the next morning we waked up in the territory of Idaho. All Saturday and Sunday we were traveling at the rate of twenty miles per hour through the Yellow Stone valley and other valleys of Montana and Dakota. Saw a great number of small herds of horses and cattle, and all in splendid condition. We passed but few homes in Montana, but in Dakota we saw on both sides of our rail-road many good homes and large barns. The farmers all seemed to be in a prosperous condition. We had one collision on our way to St. Paul and about seven-hundred miles west of that city is a small town called Eldridge; our engine went literally through three freight cars all heavily laden with merchandise and it also took out the entire right side of another car in which were two men four horses one cow and calf and one dog. The entire car was destroyed and yet strange to say neither man nor beast was injured. One car loaded with fire brick and a trap was totally demolished but the trap was unharmed. Our engineer left his post only about one minute before the collision and he was the only one injured but not fatally. We did not reach St. Joe; the agent at Portland, either grossly deceived us or he did not understand the route from St. Paul. He said that we would reach St. Joe within 24 hours after we left St. Paul with only one change of cars. We made four and were compelled to remain at Burlington, Iowa, eighteen hours. So we missed the pleasure of meeting many of our old friends who were in attendance in St. Joseph upon the deliberations of the Christian convention. This was to us a sore disappointment. St. Paul is one of the finest cities we ever saw. We passed through Minneapolis in the night time. It is said to be the cleanest and neatest city of its size on our continent. I saw one large building at St. Paul, in course of erection, and now twelve stories. I learned that Minneapolis will have one 28 stories. I would not like to be in the top story in time of a storm.

Well, I have preached twice here in my present home and have met many warm friends at Chillicothe and Gallatin as well as here in Trenton. We have an elegant new church edifice capable of seating 500 people. It is heated by furnace and lighted with gas. The windows are of very fine cathedral glass and the seats are made of ash and walnut; and we will say that in all respects it is a model house. Our audiences were good at both services. We are yet in good spirits and hope to continue so, but we did dislike very much to learn the quiet village of Monmouth. No better people in Oregon than those among whom we lived so pleasantly one year. The people of this city have plenty to eat. Chickens of the largest and finest kind are only two dollars per dozen. All kinds of fruit and vegetables are here in great abundance. This side of Burlington I saw thousands and thousands of large melons going to waste. Many of them would weigh 30 and 40 lbs each. The corn crop is large—grass very fine and all kinds of stock fat and flourishing.

Hoping to see you again soon, I remain your friend and well wisher.  
More anon,  
R. M. Messick,  
Trenton, Mo., Oct. 10, '88.

Our Democratic friends find that much they would like to say against the Republican party was said four years ago. It is hard to start a brilliant explosion with burnt powder.

At J. D. Irvine's is the place to get your groceries, Independence.

### Farms for Sale.

210 Acres, good house and barn, 150 acres in cultivation, \$35 per acre.

385 Acres, good new house and barn, new orchard, 20 acres in cultivation, good timber and pasture, \$11 per acre.

150 Acres, all good farm land, 100 acres summer-fallow, good house and barn, good orchard, \$37 1/2 per acre, it is well located.

160 Acres, all in cultivation, good house and barn, 60 acres summer-fallow, farm divided into three fields, good spring in each, very desirable farm, \$35 per acre.

343 Acres, good house and barn, 40 acres in cultivation, good orchard, splendid stock farm, \$10 per acre.

All the above farms are choice land and finely located. Inquiries by mail will receive prompt attention. We sell and take on commission, any properties in Oregon. JAMES TATOM, Monmouth, Polk county, Oregon.

### Weather Report.

During September, 1888, there were three days during which rain fell; with an aggregate of 0.54 inches of water. There were 11 clear, 11 fair and 6 cloudy days. The highest temperature for the month was 88° on the 7th; lowest for the month was 37° on the 25th; mean for the month was 64.08°. Highest daily mean temperature for the month, 72° on the 27th; lowest for the month, 53° on the 21st; monthly range, 20°; greatest daily range, 29° on the 25th; least daily, 3° on the 24; mean daily 15.25-39°. The prevailing winds for the month were from the north during 21 days; south 9 days. The average mean tem. for Sept., for eighteen years is 55.98°; that for Sept. of this year, 81.2° above normal. The average precipitation for Sept. for the same time, 1.09 in.; that for the present year being 1.05 below normal. During Sept., 1887, there were six rainy days, and 1.87 in. of water. There were five clear and nineteen fair days. Highest temperature for the month, 86°; lowest for the month, 38°; mean for the month, 58.27°.  
Eola, Oct. 1, 1888. T. PEARCE.

### Administrators Notice.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon or Polk county. In re estate of P. W. Prather, late of said county, deceased, notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that I have this day been appointed by Hon. Jonathan Stouffer, County Judge, of said county, administrator of the estate of P. W. Prather, late of said county, deceased. All persons holding claims against said estate are required to present them to me duly verified within six months from date and all persons indebted thereto will please make immediate payment. Dated Sept. 14, 1888.  
J. J. Daly, M. N. Prather,  
Atty for estate. Administrator.

### New Stable,

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Livery, Feed and Sale stable. First-class turnout, and prices reasonable. Give us a call, north end of Main Street, HERREN & HALL, proprietors.

The dry goods store F. M. A. will give you a bargain if you will call and see them.

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Opens September 10th.

Does a general banking business. Sight Drafts on New York, San Francisco or Portland. Deposits received subject to check or on certificates of deposit. Collections will receive prompt attention. Office hours 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. *Hall's Burglar Proof Safe, secured by Yale Time Lock.*

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### WARREN TRUITT,

Attorney at Law,

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Druggists and Apothecaries.

Drugs, Paints, Oils, Glass and all other Articles kept in a first-class drug store.

Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

Also Dealers in Reed & Barton's Silver and Plated Ware, Jewelry, Musical Instruments of all kinds.

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Best Grade of Goods,

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