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The Lane County Test.

To those who are in favor of placing themselves on the side of free-silver with all that means against the goldbug people with all that that means, the opportunity will be offered them here in Lane county on the 24th day of April at the time called for in another place in this paper. It will be seen by that call, that an invitation is extended to every one of whatever party who is willing to unite on the money question and direct legislation to send up their delegates on that day to take part in bringing out a ticket on the basis proposed and thus inaugurate the movement upon which the great struggle of 1896 is to be fought out.

Thus the populists, it will be observed, as true patriots are willing to make great sacrifices in order to meet others who could not adopt some of our planks of reform, and they are not asking democrats or republicans to make any more sacrifice of principle or sever stronger party ties, than they as populists have made to make the money question the issue of the approaching campaign. And now without further remarks let us urge upon every free silver man who is willing to embrace the present opportunity to come forward and join the only free-silver party there is in the country, an organized party 1500 strong and help us carry forward the fight to a finish.

Send up your delegates, come forward and connect yourselves with us and be on equal terms. We suggest that you meet in your respective precincts on Monday the 21st day of April and select your delegates as designated in the call. Let anyone of whatever party if he is willing to fight for silver—the daddy dollar take part in your meetings and send in delegates. Here is the best opportunity you ever will have perhaps to get up an independent ticket of taxpayers that will sweep everything before it. See?

A Just Re-ake to the A. P. A. Ticket by the Republicans of Eugene.

The republican party has no control over the individual actions of its partisans in joining a secret political organization. But when that organization goes so far as to nominate, in secret, delegates to a county convention, and in secret, nominate a county ticket, and then appear in a republican convention as it did last Saturday and seek to commit the republican party to the diabolical proscriptio of that infamous organization, the just and true men of the party will rise in their might as they did at the city election on Monday, and place the seal of condemnation upon that midnight mixture of sinners and saints forever.

And we ask the young men of this town and county to stop and consider before you are led blindly into a society, which by an oath they require you to take, makes you a traitor to the laws of your country. Read the words of that illustrious man, Gen. U. S. Grant, twice president of your country, and who is so dear to the American people: "All secret oath-bound, political parties are dangerous to any nation, no matter how pure or patriotic the motives and principles, which first bring them together. No political party can or ought to exist, when one of its corner-stones is opposition to freedom of thought, and to the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience, according to the creed of any religious denomination whatever."

The ticket nominated last Saturday are all A. P. A., except Potter, Johnson and Palm.

PEOPLE SPEAKING.

Peoples' Party Presidential Director to Address the Public at Eugene.

Hon. Harry Watkins, Peoples' party candidate for presidential elector, will speak at the courthouse in Eugene, Monday, April 23rd at early candle-lighting. If you want to hear an accomplished orator, do not fail to come.

We do most heartily wish the democratic convention at Portland had had a few Senator Tillmans in that body about the time Judge Pipes came in with his resolution lauding Cleveland for his statesmanship and patriotic devotion to the country, and other sickening pervasions of truth and moved its adoption. We would like to have heard the fiery darts of truth and investive which Tillman would have hurled at the mover of that resolution and such lesser lights of Cleveland Carlisle goldbugism as G. W. Barnes of Crook county, O. Lord, Pipes, O. Lord, Barnes, etc. your disciples at the feet of a traitor to his country like Cleveland places you even beneath the contempt of the poorest citizen of the realm who if an honest man stands in the estimation of his countrymen pre-eminently above Cleveland or any of his fulsome flatterers. Sure thing boys, sorry we are too, that such should be the cases but so long as the treachery of Judas, or the cruelty of Nero is remembered, will President Cleveland not be forgotten and will be condemned by his countrymen although men like Pipes and Barnes may try to badenub his name with mint praise. The effort will only subject the mover to bitter ridicule and contempt of every clear-headed independent citizen cognizant of the fact.

ix speaking of some election outrages recently in Louisiana, the Oregonian says:

Louisiana is the worst of the states in this matter. South Carolina and Mississippi each has a larger percentage of negro voters, but pursue a less manly and "white" method of keeping the black man from the polls. Louisiana may adopt a constitutional amendment disfranchising the negro, on educational and property grounds, at its state election the 21st inst, and though the South Carolina and Mississippi plan is less "manly," it will afford a relief to the feelings of the rest of the country.

We honestly think it would afford a relief to the feelings of the rest of the country if a large element of the riff-raff of Portland were disfranchised. Such men as Scott, Simon, Frank, Hume and Carey and their band of roughts, who they use as a factor at the polls to help them to positions to rob the people. You may talk about the whites of those southern states perpetrating outrages at the polls upon negroes; but we think no greater outrages have been committed in the South in recent years, than were committed the other day in Portland at the republican primaries, by white negroes on inoffensive white gentlemen; and no one but a "cultid gemmen" like the editor of the Oregonian would use such language as that held in the above clipping.

Resolution adopted by the late Lane county republican convention.

RESOLVED, That in view of necessary reforms in the public service, the republicans of Lane county in convention assembled, demand the passage of an act by the next general assembly of Oregon, requiring the payment of all fees collected by any of the officials directly into the state treasury, and that such officials shall receive only such compensation per annum as may be specifically provided by the constitution and statutes of the state.

That resolution was evidently aimed at Secretary Kincaid by the goldbug element in the convention as a rebuke for his intermeddling here in aiding the A. P. As. at the primaries, in securing control of the convention. It was a hard lick, and one well deserved, but it is like singing psalms to a dead horse, to sing "constitutional salary" to a republican official. To paraphrase Vanderbilt's memorable remark: "Constitutional salary be damned" with republican governors, secretaries of state, and state treasurers of Oregon.

Here is the economy plank of the republican party of Oregon adopted at Portland last week. Instead of declaring for reform in the

matter of abuse of the legislature in the matter of clerk hire and disbanding reform as in the platform of 1894, this year they do not so much as notice the flagrant disregard of their promises of the last legislature in that regard in the platform but pass it over altogether probably with the idea that to notice the matter this year with a promise of reform would simply be taken as a joke as most of that parties promises, and pledges are taken now days. But read:

"We pledge the republican party to a rigid economy in the expenditure of public money; to the reduction of excessive salaries, and the abolishment of the fee system whenever possible, and of all useless commissions, and believe that no appropriations should be made to any school or charitable institution not under the control of the state and oppose the incorporation into the general appropriation bill of items for the expenditure of public money not authorized by law."

Here is what the Capitol Journal says of the platform:

The convention wisely repudiated all attempts to commit the party to silver or gold monometallism. It endorsed the bimetallic sound money principle, the platform of 1892. That is a good platform for all republicans to stand upon until the national platform of 1896 is re-constructed after the Oregon election. Hofer, shut up just a "little bit," until the people shall have time to forget your utterances about free-silver, and the free-silver republicans of Oregon. Where are you "at" and where are your boasted free-silver republicans any way?

Perfectly Appropriate.

Tom Tongue, on the west side of the Cascade range, standing upon the republican platform, cries out for a gold standard policy, was proclaimed in the platform, and Ellis on the east side of the said Cascade range, standing upon the same platform, sending back in stentorian voice to his fellow-candidate "across the divide," that he is "for free-silver as proclaimed in the platform."

Tom astride of one end of the letter-board, and Ellis astride of the other end—the one with gold, the other with silver—the voter can have his choice, simply by changing his place of residence—that is, all the goldbugs of the second district can come over to the first and vote for Tongue, while the free-silverites of Tom's district can just immigrate across to Ellis' district and vote for Ellis. There is nothing like a successful straddle in a platform, especially when you have plenty of "straddling material" to put on the ticket.

They, who care more for the "silver vote" of the mining-camp states and the half-civilized South will declare flatly for free-coinage. They who do not will let the silver vote go and declare for the gold standard. The time for straddling is past, except in Oregon.—Oregonian.

"Mining-camp states and the half-civilized South," coming from a man of Harvey Scott's standing in his party as he does, and before the eyes of everyone unacquainted with him, the mining-camp states and the half-civilized South will not feel much belittled in their own estimation. How much above a mining-camp state, or the half-civilized South is the city of Portland, when republican primaries are being held? Scott, your very name has become a stench in the nostrils of decent men, and is fast becoming a hiss and a byword. And the worst of it is, you have not sense enough to know it.

TO THE EDITOR: As a subscriber to, and an interested reader of your fearless paper, allow me to thank you for the bold stand you have taken against that anti-American, unconstitutional and treasonable society, miscalled the American Protective Association.

Its introduction into this country was by British emissaries and through British influence, and it is kept alive by the combined efforts of a few narrow-minded and bigoted preachers, assisted by a number of time-serving politicians, who would subscribe to any creed or platform that could be devised, for the sake of office. The great majority of the intelligent voters of all parties are with you in this fight, and although these traitors to our constitution have captured the republican and covered the democratic party of Lane county, they have yet the plain people to reckon with. You know the man in both these parties who have been put in nomination by these dark-lantern methods. Continue your good work by keeping their names before the people, so that all may know them, and on the first Monday in June next every lover of the constitution and every believer in civil and religious liberty will be well advised of the situation and will put his lead-pencil marks where they will do the most good. X. Eugene, Or. April 15, 1896.

Gov. PENNYKER has been nominated for mayor of Portland by the peoples' party, the independents, and we believe by the democrats of that city. It is a foregone conclusion that Pen. will get away with the plum, too. He's needed in the business badly now in Portland.

Attention!!! Attention!!!

Let every populist in Lane county who receives this paper this week constitute himself a committee of one to tour himself among his free-silver neighbors, and have them turn out and get together in their respective precincts and elect their quota of delegates, to meet with the convention here at Eugene on April 24th. Let them come along—the door is wide open for a union ticket that will sweep the old party ticket from the face of the earth. Work from now until the union is formed and the ticket is gotten out.

The democratic state convention showed more common sense, magnanimity and statesmanship, than the Pops have ever yet shown in the light of practical politics, when it endorsed Mr. Upton, our candidate for district attorney of the second judicial district, and endorsed also the nomination of Mr. F. Ward of Douglas for member of the board of equalization. These are important offices, and the action of the democrats will insure the election of Mr. Upton and Mr. Ward, and is highly commendable and should be imitated reciprocally by the peoples' party by all means, if possible. Why not?

While the A. P. A. of Lane county has been beating its drums, sounding its tomtoms and blowing its trumpets, hoping to scare away the Pope and keep him from capturing our country, the M. E. pastor with his deacons and lay-members have quietly stolen a march and captured the dominant party of the country. With Dr. Driver as leader and McCall, Johnson, et al as lieutenants, the A. P. A. is more likely to find itself submerged under Methodism than under Catholicism. Great is the A. P. A. with its platform of religious bigotry!

A FRIEND who lives in close proximity to the stall in which Secretary Kincaid has kept his calf, and has watched its growth for the last year says that the said calf, like other calves that through the winter becomes lousy, has shed off this spring and came out a "yaller yearling," and is now bellowing and pawing up the ground. Con-sarn it!

SOMETIMES, when we take a serious view of the disturbed condition of mankind in every quarter of the world, our own dear country not excepted, the saying of St. Paul comes vividly to mind:—"In this life, only, we have hope of all men, we are most miserable." And sure enough. Were St. Paul and Christ calumny-blowers?

A PRIVATE letter from Chairman Young states that he expects to secure, as speaker through the pending campaign in Oregon, Davis, of Kansas, Allen, Sovereign, Simpson and others. Wake up men—the time is at hand when we must measure arms with plutocracy.

Communicated.

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A TEST TO BE MADE IN LANE

Can Free-Silver Men be Persuaded to Leave Their Old Parties?

EDITOR BROAD-AXE: It is believed that every populist in Lane county will heartily concur in the action taken by the county central committee on the 7th inst.

The two old parties have now made their nominations and every man stands on a goldbug platform. For state senate, the republicans have a preacher who says "he is a republican of republicans" and is therefore a goldbug of goldbugs; and the democrats have a goldbug lawyer. They fully represent John Sherman and Grover Cleveland.

The peoples' party have thrown down the bars and offered the free silver democrats and republicans equal representation to nominate a ticket that all patriotic citizens can support. Will they leave their old parties now and meet in convention on April 24th in Eugene, with the same number of delegates from each precinct that the peoples' party will have? Do they honestly believe in the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 and the Initiative and Referendum? If they do, we can easily unite.

Never before was such a chance offered for reformers to unite. It may never happen again. The great test for a union of reform forces will be made in Lane county. The whole nation will watch the result. A failure here means a failure at St. Louis, while success in Lane county insures success at St. Louis. It will give the union movement such a boost that nothing can stop it. The single gold standard must be overthrown, or our country is ruined. It will take united action to do it. Let us throw all prejudice to the wind. Four-fifths of the voters in Lane county believe in free-silver—at least they say they do, yet the one-fifth have put out two goldbug tickets for free silver men to vote for. Will they do it? We'll see. Come rally your forces and send your delegates to Eugene on April 24th and unite with the peoples' party on equal terms. A failure on your part to act now will perpetuate the gold standard, which means death to all industry and perpetual slavery.

W. H. SEWELL. one View of it all.

John Schweitzer, a young German laborer of Levensville, Ken., shot and killed himself last week, under rather curious circumstances. It was supposed that despondency had prompted the deed, but it developed that love and the A. P. A. were behind it.

Schweitzer was in love with Lulu Schaezinger, a pretty Swiss, and all their friends thought they would soon be married. Schweitzer was a member of the A. P. A., however, and about the time they were to be married he recalled the fact that his bride was a Roman Catholic. For a while he thought he would make her his wife, but he found the oath he had taken was too binding, and he told his sweetheart that he could not marry her. She laughed at the idea, but he contended that he could not break the oath.

In letters received by Schweitzer's sweetheart and relatives which he mailed just before shooting himself, he detailed the facts, and said that rather than live without Lulu or break his oath he preferred to kill himself.—N. Y. Weekly.

Brother Cartwright seems to be getting into trouble with those to whom he has given so liberally of his space for discussing the subject pro and con of the A. P. A. Brother, the farther you go with this matter the farther you will be from the end. Do like some of our delinquent subscribers request us to do after they have read our paper a couple of years: "Stop it!"

FROM now on the state of Oregon has two republican parties. This move is an unwise one and will result in placing the state in the hands of the democrats or populists. A sad state of affairs.—Portland Chronicle. [Rep.]

We beg leave to differ. It will be a good state of affairs, when the state falls into the hands of either of the populists or democrats, comparatively. In either case, we take the responsibility to say that the next Oregon legislature will not be filled by an unnecessary lot of lady clerks, etc., etc., and so on, and so on. Do you understand? If you do not, the people do.

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