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Pledge and Performance.

Two years ago the republican party nominated and elected a full set of county officers for Lane county, upon a platform pledging them to retrenchment and economy; just such a platform as they are now trying to coax votes with. How did it work? Let us see. Our state senators and members of the legislature, were to be found constantly violating their implied pledges, by voting diligently against any reduction in official emoluments, and in favor of all manner of extravagant appropriations, to say nothing of placing their female relatives at the trough of the public treasury, in the position of clerks for themselves. The sheriff, who was then elected, was well aware of the amount of the salary and fees provided by law for that official, and was more than anxious to obtain the position, with the specified emoluments attached; yet, before he fairly got his seat warmed he began to insist upon the county court allowing him more fees, mileage, etc., and refused to perform some of the clearly defined duties of his office without further pay, thus turning over the work he was called upon by law to perform to constables, who, of course, collected and pocketed the fees which should have been earned by the sheriff and turned into the county treasury. And in the face of all this, he has the assurance to ask for another term, while the A. P. A's, who are at present running the republican party, renominates him through the influence of the sheriff's chief deputy, and asks an outraged constituency to re-elect him. Why? Because his chief deputy is an A. P. A., and wants his deputyship continued indefinitely. The same with the county clerk; he knew the amount of salary he was to receive, and was wild to get the office and the salary. He had been on an investigating committee; had badly snitched a democratic sheriff, and whitewashed a republican clerk; hence, the party, to recompense him for his dirty work, foisted him on the county, well knowing he was entirely incompetent for the position, which has been proven by his work in the office every day since he took his seat. How did it come about that he was renominated in the face of recognized incompetency? The answer is simple. A few weeks before the convention he joined the A. P. A. He is a narrow-gauge man; so narrow, in fact, that his mental vision is focused upon, and cannot reach beyond the A. P. A., the clerk's office, and fees for his own pocket. Are the people of Lane county ready to endorse such high-handed proceedings, such an utter subversion of the rights of good citizens, in obedience to the command of a secret political order, whose only principle is religious and race prejudice? We trust not.

What a Shame! What a Pity!

Roseburg Plaindealer: Dr. Driver said: "No infidel's progeny descends to the fifth generation. God Almighty determined they should not extend the curse so far. Four noted infidels, who came to this coast in an early day viz: Sam Culver, Jesse Applegate, Pengra, and Senator Nesmith, all died insane after 63 years of age. Christians on the contrary die sane." Driver's Lecture at Roseburg. Whether it is true or not, as to the descent of the infidel's progeny to the fifth generation, we believe it had been better for the world if some professed Christian ministers' progeny that we know of had never had a beginning. And Dr. Driver will excuse us if we say we believe the gentlemen whose memory he slurs, never saw a day when they were not as deeply respected as he; and that the impression is abroad that he himself must be on the verge of insanity or he would never have applied such language as the above to those honored citizens,

Excited.

Our republican friends are somewhat excited over the rumor that the candidates for sheriff on the democratic and populist tickets and those for clerk on the same tickets have concluded to arrange matters so that Johnson and Jennings will have a single opponent each to fight. This should be the case by all means. Either Spenser or Yarnell should withdraw. This is demanded by every consideration of economy and justice to the country. Jennings has cribbed not less than \$3000 to himself and family for the term. His girls, under his idea that they were entitled to much higher wages than a "kitchen girl," have been employed almost constantly under big pay in his office, at the county's expense. Indeed, if ever Jennings has paid out of his pocket one cent as expenses of the office, even to paying for a postage-stamp, we do not know when it was. He has been allowed by that county court at the expense of the county deputies for every occasion, while the law contemplates, he should pay his deputies himself. He could have done this, and then made more money out of his office than he ever made on his farm, or more than any farmer has been able to make on a \$21,000 farm in the same length of time.

The people do not want Jennings and his family of girls in the clerk's office another day after July, 1896. The people are willing to try parties who are willing to take "kitchen girl wages" awhile. Hence, common sense and every consideration of business say that Jennings and his family, and Mr. Gibbs and his family should be turned out and down. And in order to insure this, it will be absolutely necessary that either Mr. Spenser or Yarnell shall withdraw; and we feel assured that every solid taxpayer who is not purblind by the influence of party prejudice, will approve of this action.

To the four winds with party prejudice, in choosing men to fill those county offices. There is no politics in the business. It is purely a matter of business interest to the taxpayers of the county.

As to Johnson! Well, if Mr. Veatch or Mr. Hampton does not pull off and give the majority of the voters of the county an even chance to say who shall be sheriff, then we do not know of what kind of stuff they are composed.

This county, including court, clerk and sheriff, have been run, not by the wish or consent of a majority of the voters of the county, but by a lean plurality. Those offices were filled by a minority of between four hundred and five hundred voters—that is, the combined vote for Day, the democratic candidate for sheriff, and Withers, populist candidate for the same office in 1894, was 2,458 votes, while Johnson received only 1921 votes, thus showing that Mr. Johnson was not elected by the wish of a majority of the voters of the county by 481 votes. Nor will a majority of the people of the county say in June Johnson should be sheriff. Hence, the voters should be allowed a single-handed contest in this, one of the most important offices in the county. The people want some one in that office who will discharge the duties of the office, one who will not shift the duties of his office into the hands of the town constable, and the people be made to pay the constable for doing the work that Mr. Johnson should have done, and for which he was paid his salary to do.

The republicans may well be excited. The people are determined to hold every man responsible to the strictest account for every nickel he has wrongfully wrung from the hand of the taxpayer.

Indeed, inability to pay interest on the mortgaged home and taxes demanded that those tax-looters and well-fed, high-toned, high-salaried deputies should be sent adrift. This is a fine year for such things. No party consideration should be taken into account.

Mr. Driver, D D as a Republican

Since when did Driver become a republican? He has prior to his nomination by the A. P. A. and a few republicans, been heard to say frequently that he was neither a democrat or a republican. In his speeches in Lane and Marion counties in 1888 he stated distinctly that he was neither a democrat or a republican; that he voted for whom he pleased, and when talking to democrats boasted of the eminent democrats he had voted for. Since the reverend has been placed on the republican ticket by the special efforts of that secret, political, oath-bound organization, the A. P. A., he is loud in his boasts that he is a republican of republicans. When the prospect of office presents itself to the Doctor, inconsistency does not seem to

A MIXED QUESTION SETTLED

The Meaning of the Initials I. D. D. D.

Teacher—Clies on political economy stand up "What do the initials I. D. D. D. stand for?"

First pupil—"Isaac D. Driver, Doctor of Divinity."

Teacher—"Next!"

Second pupil—"I. D. Driver, Dead Duck."

Teacher—"Next!"

Third pupil—"I—well, I'm a Dead Duck, Damned and Delivered."

Teacher—"I would say to the class that the answer of Mr. Jones would have been correct (after the fashion of man) as applied to Mr. Driver before he retired from the ministry and became a politician a few weeks ago. But no man can be a doctor of divinity and a republican politician in Oregon at present, owing to the conduct of the last Oregon legislature and the recent doings of the republican primaries in Portland. Hence his answer is not correct. The answer of Mr. Smith approaches more nearly the correct thing. Applying Ex-President Andrew Johnson's meaning of Dead Duck to Doctor Driver, as minister and politician, it would be about correct. The answer shows considerable ingenuity and study."

"The answer of Mr. Brown," continued the teacher, "taken literally, may be considered a little off, but taken figuratively it must be considered correct. As a minister and politician Dr. I. D. Driver must be considered a Dead Duck, Delivered and Damned, which in scripture meaning is condemned."

"The class will take their seats."

It Was Harmonious.

The proceedings of the late populist convention will be seen in another place. The whole proceedings were conducted with the utmost good-will and harmony.

There was never a similar body of men who assembled in Eugene, who showed more good sense and business qualifications than that convention showed. Our political opponents were greatly disappointed at the result—disappointed on account of the harmony that prevailed, and of the large element of new recruits that came into the convention from both the democratic and republican parties, and joined hands with us on the wage of battle against the plutocratic goldbug—the only issue now before the people. It was a most pleasing event in our work, when after the door of our house was opened wide to the new-comers we gave them the uppermost seats and made them thrice welcome.

This sent a thrill of joy to the hearts of the old boys who had gone through the heat and toil of the day, to receive those who came in at the eleventh hour. But to our opponents, it evidently sent chilly sensations down their spines. It made us feel strong, brave, courageous. It gave us the full assurance of a well-founded hope—the evident dawn of the day of the downfall of misrule in this county. It was the bow of promise to the taxpayer, and the dark cloud of despair to the court-house ring of tax-despoilers, our sheriffs, our clerks and their well-fed deputies, who have for the last two years, sat as ornaments and figure-heads in their respective offices, while the taxpayers have paid others to do the work of those offices.

In short, it was a precursor of the certain downfall of those public servants who have treated the people as if they—the people's servants—were the people's masters!

We could see many men in that convention, who had been residents in Lane county for thirty to forty years, honest citizens, taxpayers, who had been denied the right of representation for years on the election boards and juries, just because of their politics, who we thought began to exhibit a different bearing—the bearing of an American citizen instead of the down-trodden slave of a petty tyrant!

But this theme is inexhaustible. We shall have to stow—more of it hereafter. Think of these things, voters. Look at the ticket; every one is worthy. Work for it from top to bottom. We must not speak of one to the exclusion of the others. They are all good men. All of them are farmers, honest toilers of the soil, the poorest paid in the world.

One of Driver's Puns.

Rev. I. D. Driver, D. D., approached, not long since, Hon. A. J. Zumwalt, who was formerly a republican but who is now a populist, and said to him:

"Hello, Jack, your party has gone crazy."

"How is that?" said Jack.

"Why," said Driver, "your party is trying to invent a machine. Your party after finding fault with the currency system, and nearly everything in the government, at last abandoned its position and is now engaged in trying to invent a machine."

"What kind of a machine?" said Zumwalt.

"A machine," said Driver, "to extract the (wind) out of beans so the women can eat them."

Driver tells the above story as original and with great gusto, and laughs loudly every time he tells it. Of course, Driver is an adept in refinement, and is at home in telling the best things. He is a physician of divinity, you know.

We observe that Mr. Baker, our candidate for state senator is already being made the special object of attack from the two old parties. The republican Joe Simondolph, gold-bug strikers are very busy letting their tongues fly at Mr. Baker. Yet there is not one of them who dares to go to his face and utter one word derogatory to his good name. Let the BROAD-AXE say to you who expect to make anything for your party by this course toward Hon. C. H. Baker, it will be like gnawing a file, or like trying to penetrate the steel plate armor of an improved line of battle naval vessel, with a six-pound brass cannon. There was no man in the last legislature who stood up for the people as against the Portland gang of corruptionists so manfully as Mr. Baker—there is no man in all Oregon who exercised more power and influence to defeat that gang than Baker, and there is no man in Lane county who holds a higher place in the estimation of the plain common people.

We hear democrats using as argument why people should not support Mr. Baker, that he suffered the people's party to use his name for a position on the ticket so soon after the use of his name by the republican convention for the same office for which he stands as a candidate on the populist ticket. Mr. Baker severed his connection from the republican organization the moment it was made manifest as it was made at the republican county convention, that those who believed in the free coinage of silver were to be ignored by the single standard gold power and effectually read out of the party. As Mr. Baker states, "Now is no time to straddle the question—every man must get off the fence on one side or the other." Mr. Baker chose, like an honorable sensible man, to get in rank with the only organized party on that question—the only party that is on the right side of the fence on this question, and at the urgent request of many of his fellow citizens became a candidate for the State Senate. But aside from considerations of this sort, in answer to the charge that Mr. Baker should not be supported by populists because of his recent conversion, what have democrats to say about their central committee in effect adopting Joe Gray for county treasurer, who was defeated in the recent republican convention for the same office? The only difference we can see in the two cases is that Mr. Baker was nominated because he was a populist in principle and adopted the platform and came in under the independent bimetallic union movement, while the democrats took Joe in as a Simon pure republican sorehead and recommends him to the support of democrats, while if the republican convention had gratified Joe's wishes and gave him the nomination the democrats would be fighting him for votes in behalf of Ben F. Dorris, who they put on the ticket for the office of treasurer. That's it! Go slow boys, go slow. Don't throw mud. You've nothing to gain on this line. "That's a fact."

The People's Party State Central Committee is called to meet at the Hotel Portland on May 5, to elect a State Executive Committee and transact such other business as may come before the meeting. County Chairmen should bear it in mind and be present if possible.

About the A. P. A. Again

In last week's AXE we gave what was termed a declaration of the principles of the A. P. A. organization.

As the AXE regards that "platform," as our A. P. A. friends term it, we think it a string of cunningly devised sentences, having many catch phrases to meet popular demand, which no one objects to, but endorses, so inter-larded with an assumed and unwarranted condition of affairs, all tending to bind members of the association to oppose and prosecute the Catholic citizen and deny him his rights as an American citizen, which can work no good to our country, but on the contrary, much mischief. We feel justified in the assertion that if you take the feature of religious prescription out of the A. P. A. platform the order would fall to pieces in ninety days time. In fact, Rev. Mr. Boardman, preacher in charge of the Baptist church in Eugene, a member of the office, said in substance to us, that if the Papacy had no design to get control of the civil power in the United States, the A. P. A. had no place in this country.

We submit some extracts from the constitutions of the United States and the State of Oregon, which we think every loyal citizen is bound to respect, together with a passage from one of President Grant's messages, which should be regarded with no less esteem, having we think, direct bearing upon the question under consideration, and close by publishing a part of the obligation of the A. P. A., and ask the candid reader to study well what he does when he espouses the cause of the A. P. A.

Article six of the constitution of the United States reads:

"No religious test shall be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

The first amendment to the Constitution reads as follows:

"Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The constitution of Oregon declares: "That all men shall be secure in their natural right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences—that no law shall in any case whatever control the free exercise and enjoyment of religious opinions or interfere with the rights of conscience—that no religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office of trust or profit."

Art. I, Secs 2-3 and 4 of Constitution of Oregon.

Here follows the language of Grant:

"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."

Now take the following, part of the obligation of the A. P. A. and then if possible reconcile the position of that order with the duties and obligation of a true and loyal American citizen, if you can: "I furthermore promise and swear, that I will not countenance the nomination in any caucus or convention, of a Roman Catholic for any office in the gift of the American people; and that I will not vote for, nor counsel others to vote for any Roman Catholic, but will vote only for a Protestant; that I will endeavor at all times to place the political positions of this government in the hands of Protestants, to the entire exclusion of the Roman Catholic Church, or the members thereof. To all of which I do most solemnly promise and swear, so help me God."

I. D. Driver a Predestinarian.

In his lecture on Ingersol at Roseburg recently, Dr. Driver said, "God had ordained that 'no infidel progeny' descends to the fifth generation." And in a conversation with several gentlemen recently, said: "The saloon was ordained of God. It was ordained for a purpose—for the purpose of getting away with whores and whoremongers." Evidently, the Doctor is a predestinarian—a believer in fore-ordination and predestination.

But it seems to us, the better way to get away with prostitutes and libertines, would be to decree that their progeny, as in the case of infidels, should not descend to only a limited generation or not at all. But Dr. Driver may do as Ingersol says Moses did—make mistakes.

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