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Derelict Reformers.

We feel to congratulate the populists of this county for the manly way in which they stood to their guns in the fight to down the court-house taxers and to elect the union candidates for sheriff and county judge. But we feel the utmost contempt for those pretended reformers who basely forsook their populist brethren and supported Johnson and Potter through mercenary motives and sacrificed the dearest interest of their neighbors, their wives and their children.

The result, however, shows that united we can take control of affairs in our own hands in spite of republicans and the traitorous element of pretended reformers combined. In the future we shall know who should be placed on guard.

Men to whom we refer will lead the rank and file into the enemy's lines; they will betray their friends and give aid and comfort to the foe; they will make great pretensions for reform measures, be loud in their devotion to principle, and yet by their action stultify every effort to advance reform measures. They are always mighty active at club and school-house meetings and crossroad gatherings, in making speeches, getting up whereas and resolves in denouncing everybody as traitors who do not see things as they see them. They are great fellows to talk about taxes, and yet they themselves pay but little or no taxes. They condemn our county officials for their misdoings, yet either vote for them outright or counsel others to do so. They are a detriment to the people's party, a great clog on the wheels of reform, dogs in the manger, who cannot eat the hay nor allow the ox to eat it. They must "rule or ruin," and up to the present they have ruined.

This element permeates the people's party everywhere. Socialistic, anarchistic, impracticable men, who would walk 25 miles to hear Coxy speak and subscribe money to pay his way, when they would not subscribe a cent to pay the way of General Weaver, Sovereign, Whitehead or "Cyclone" Davis, nor put in a ten-cent piece to pay for campaign expenses, or to help along reform papers. Oh, we do just like such reformers, but we like them out of sight, and the further the better.

Our Course.

We see more or less comment regarding the election in this county, and some of our exchanges seem to censure the course of this paper as the cause of not making better success. We only have to say that we have lived in Lane county principally for 38 years—and we think we understand the politics of this county about as well as any man living in it, and certainly better than some of our friends who live outside the county, who assume to criticize adversely our course. In the first place the condition and environment of the people's party in Lane county is peculiar. The average strength of the populists and democrats is nearly equal, the populists casting this year for Vanderburg 1,270 votes, and the democrats gave Myers 1,087 votes, while Tongue received 1,914. The populists and democrats being so nearly equal in strength and the latter having succeeded until very recently in electing most of the county officers, it is not to be expected that that party will abandon its organization and come at once into the reform party.

As any one knows it is not within the scope of reason that the republicans, having almost as many as the populists and democrats combined, will come to the ranks of the reformers in very great force yet. Then there is another very potent element of opposition to populism in this county to overcome that is not understood outside the county. The university being situated here there is a very large majority of the business men of Eugene, including the university faculty and students, whose politics are dominated by the

one idea of securing large and constant appropriation for the benefit of that institution. And the populist party being known as a party of economy and favoring cutting down salaries and unnecessary expenditures, it is opposed generally by the great bulk of the city and of the university. Then in addition to these it is highly probable that the party in this county is cursed with more than its share of shallow-pated cranks and unprincipled scamps that must be gotten rid of before it can ever make even tolerable progress.

"Political Tricksters."

The populists of Lane and Coos counties richly deserve the defeat of the one and greatly reduced majority of the other. The elections in these two counties fully demonstrate that when local faction seeks to supercede party principle it is always at the expense of the party. This experience should be of salutary effect. The people's party is now in position to defend itself against the attacks of political tricksters—at least they have had an object lesson in the course of the Broad-Axe and Sun.—Harrisburg Review.

We do not know to whom the Review refers as "political tricksters," but if that paper means the Broad-Axe we can say truthfully that the result in Lane county is simply what we predicted more than a year ago would be the case if a union of reform forces was not made. Had that been done we should have succeeded in obtaining the relief we wanted in routing out the court-house taxers. This is shown by the vote cast for the union candidates for county judge and sheriff, each of whom came within less than fifty votes of being elected, while the regular average vote of the populist ticket was less by 700 votes than the vote for the union candidates. So much for political "trixters" and the Broad-Axe.

But if our friends abroad understood that the university of Oregon ran the politics of this county, and that the reformers are known to favor cutting off the \$30,000 appropriation for that institution then we would not be censured for our defeat, especially so if they knew, as the Broad-Axe knows, that we have an element in our party in Lane county who are determined to rule or ruin, and who are as unscrupulous in their methods as is the Joe Simon ring in Portland.

A U. of O. Professor Jubilant.

Professor Johnson says that he is glad that Vanderburg and Quinn are elected, because "they will fill a place which has been a long-felt want—Vanderburg being a butcher can do the butchering for the house, and Quinn being a laundryman can do the washing."
 Slurs thrown at men because they are in the lower walks of life, especially when they come from a professor of the state university of Oregon, are to say the least out of place. They forget that the state university is supported by taxes wrenched from the people from which this same professor is and has been drawing a big salary for many years. He also forgets that many of the most eminent men of our republic came from the lower walks of life, among them Lincoln, Johnson and Garfield. Yes, and professor, you came from the same common level, although you may have grown rich from large salaries drawn from the toiling thousands of the honest people of the state of Oregon, and we venture the opinion that you are not above them, yet in moral intellectual worth Mr. Vanderburg and Mr. Quinn are your superiors in the estimation of the plain people of our great commonwealth.

Fraudulent Vote-Catchers.

In the forenoon of Monday, election day, what purported to be an address to the free silver voters of the first congressional district was distributed freely among democrats, requesting every free silver voter of all parties to vote for Jeff Myers as being the most available candidate against Tongue, as Vanderburg had not the ghost of a show. To this "circular" was attached the names of prominent democrats, republicans and populists, all, we believe, citizens of Clackamas county.

From our understanding, this "circular" effected a difference in this county against Vanderburg enough to have secured his election beyond a caviler dispute, as to the result between Vanderburg and Tongue.

The Aftermath.

When we went to press last week if we had been blessed with a rooster we would have brought him out in honor of the victory we thought we had achieved in electing Vanderburg and Quinn to congress. But now, as matters stand, we are glad we did not get out a chicken.

Tongue and Ellis have the victory, or, rather, they have the greater number of votes counted to them, thus counting Vanderburg and Quinn out.

In this connection we call to mind what Senator McGinn said in the senate during the last session of the legislature in the debate on the bill requiring the county courts of the different counties to give the populists representation on the election boards. He said: "If we lose CONTROL of the ballot-box we lose CONTROL of the state."

We are just as certain that Vanderburg was fairly elected as we are that we live.

It is sweet to win a victory, but bitter indeed to be swindled out of the spoils.

It is generally the non-taxpaying voter who votes the burden of taxation upon the man who pays the taxes.

ONE Benedict Arnold in the army of reformers can do more mischief than one hundred manly foes in open combat.

THE Penoyer pill is a hard one for the "honest dollar," "sound money," Boltegonian to gulp. He will have to gulp many more just such pills, probably this fall.

In Portland the day before election the mails were flooded with circular letters containing sample ballots marked in favor of certain candidates. Persons circulating marked ballots with the hope of getting the average man to vote any other way than his own are certainly very non compos mentis.

But for the perfidy and treachery of a few pretended reformers in the populist party in this county and the downright imbecility and rank nonsense of a few democrats this county would now be represented by a full representation of free silver reformers in the legislature, and the county would have had an out-and-out set of new and better men to run things the next two years.

THE Register a while ago said that the Florence West had a much larger list of subscribers than the Broad-Axe. Now we are not given to boasting about our business, but we do not hesitate to say that we have twice as many bona fide subscribers as the Florence West. And furthermore, we think we have as many papers mailed to subscribers at the Eugene postoffice as all weekly and daily Register has all told.

THERE is more potency in counting ballots than there is in voting ballots in Oregon, as witness what Senator McGinn said in the senate on the bill allowing populists on the election boards:

This bill is purely a populist measure. It is introduced for the purpose of taking the control of the ballot box away from the republican party, and if we lose control of the ballot box we lose control of the state.

THE "prosperity wave" of the republicans struck St. Louis hard. It usually strikes you first on the head—especially if you have on a straw bonnet—but sometimes it blows a hungry tramp around and rolls him up against your kitchen door for a "handout." It wouldn't do for you to travel in a balloon or airship during the "prosperity wave" of the republicans. You might get tossed up so high that you might get close enough to view the golden gates of Heaven, or possibly the fiery depths of sheol.

In addition to Judge Fisk's personal support of Mr. Potter for county judge in opposition to McMahon, the regular democratic candidate, it is said that the court, in order to carry a certain element of strength from McMahon to Potter in the Florence and Walton precincts, appropriated at this term \$700 on a road down there, and had his son appointed as the agent, through whose hands the money is to be expended. Judge Fisk is one of those peculiar kind of democrats with which Oregon has been blessed in recent years, possessed of all the methods of an Eastern republican.

I. H. Veatch

The above individual appears in a letter in the Register of the 10th in explanation of why he withdrew from the race of sheriff in favor of Mr. Hampton, and attempts to blame the editor of this paper for his action in the premises.

We have but little to say in answer to Mr. Veatch, other than to say that after he was placed on the ticket it became generally known that he was wholly incompetent for the position of sheriff, and that it would have been worse than folly to try to elect him. We became aware of this through letters written to us and several others, and from statements made to us by his own relations, who lived by him, and who declared they would not vote for him.

When this information became known to us we set about doing something to obviate the trouble. The only thing to do was to get him to decline and have the committee put another man on the ticket in his place. This he would not do. Then the next best thing to be done was to get him to make some satisfactory arrangement with Mr. Hampton and have him come off.

This is all there is of it. We have not given Mr. Veatch any cause to feel hard at us, and all the wrong that we have done in the matter was our effort in trying to hold Veatch up before the public as a gentleman, qualified to fill the office as sheriff.

We do not care to expose Mr. Veatch, but if he persists in his course we shall be at pains to publish some of his letters verbatim, and what statements others have made about him, which will show what we state to be literally true.

We venture the assertion that if Veatch wrote the letter himself that the Register prints, over his signature, the proprietors of that paper have had a lot of fun over it as the production of a recent candidate of the people's party for the responsible office of sheriff.

About Fusion.

As for ourself we state most emphatically that henceforth, now and forever we shall oppose any move on the part of any, come from whom it may, of any fusion, union or combination with any old party political organization of whatever name or creed. We have felt a desire to try our hand at that thing, believing conscientiously that such a thing was feasible and practicable. But now, since we have tried it, we are satisfied, and want no more of it in ours.

Away with any "monkeying" with democrats in Lane county. Henceforth we are enemies in war and friends in peace; but when will that peace be?

Honest People Condemn It.

When a republican legislature willfully refuses to allow the populist party equal representation on the election boards, can it be wondered at when republican politicians like Joe Simon and Tom Tongue manage to cheat the people out of their choice at the election? Every fair-minded citizen whether republican, democrat or populist will condemn that legislature for its action in not passing the bill to give the people's party a fair chance at the polls, and much more will they condemn counting out the people's choice for members of congress, as has been the case with Vanderburg and Quinn.

We see it stated that W. H. Spough of Harrisburg, Oregon, is moving to Florence to take up his future residence there. We have not been favored with information as to what this gentleman intends to follow down there. We have a letter from him stating that he had retired from politics. We hope that our friend will be more successful in whatever pursuit he may embark than he has been in politics. Politics has been the rock upon which many a man's bark has stranded, and we think politics has been a raffle in the stream of Mr. Spough's life that has prevented his leading on to fortune. And his fate has by no means been singular, but it has been the common fate of several more gentlemen who we might name of our immediate acquaintance.

Come to Eugene to celebrate the Fourth of July. A glorious time is anticipated. Come and celebrate in honor of the freedom of your country.

Plagiaristic.

In speaking of Ellis' election, the Oregonian says: "He (Ellis) is more of a populist than a republican," and that he "is a good-looking man, weighing 210 pounds."

Hon. A. S. Patterson on reading the above paragraph naively remarked that Mr. Scott should have credited the New York Sun with the remark as to the good looks and weight of Ellis, as the Sun used the same expression as to the qualifications of Gen. Hancock for president on receipt of the news of Hancock's nomination.

The Oregonian says: "The Kentucky democracy being ignorant, passionate and vicious, is naturally for debasement of the standard, repudiation of debts and cheating of creditors." If that be true as regards Kentucky how is it that the same rule does not apply as to Portland, Oregon, republicanism as exhibited at the Portland republican primaries this spring? And yet the Oregonian contends that the bulk of republicans of Portland are opposed to "debasement of the standard" and are for a sound money standard. But the Oregonian has no shame.

We feel just a little like kicking Mr. Hamilton Veatch and Horace Hampton for their course through the late campaign. While they in effect were equally interested in Mr. Hampton's election as sheriff neither one of them, so far as we are informed, turned a hand to achieve that result. They, as it were, sat like knots on a log and depended on their friends to do the work. If either one of them had gone out among their friends in the different precincts and have laid their cases before the people Mr. Hampton would have been elected, and Mr. Veatch evidently would have been equally benefited. But, gentlemen, you missed your opportunity and this paper and the Guard lost their labor.

The P. P. National Convention.

It is important to arrange for the transportation of our delegates to the national convention. I am at present about three miles from Portland and can conveniently see after the matter if all the delegates will authorize me to do so. It is my opinion that we can make better terms now than later. We can have sleeping accommodations for a very small price, and I think we can join the Washington delegation and still reduce the fare. The convention is on the 22d of July, and it is best for us to arrive on the morning of July 21st.

Again, we must have a committee of three to look after our hotel accommodations. We want a leading hotel. I can see after the car fare if the delegates will assist me, and who will look after our hotel accommodations. Here are the names of the delegates at large before me:
 N. Pierce, J. C. Luce, J. S. McCain, L. A. Ward, J. W. Jory, J. W. Marksbury.
 First district—A. Axtell; Dr. Larabee as alternate, Josephine county.
 Second district—R. P. Caldwell, Lane county.
 Third district—Harry Watkins.
 Fourth district—S. B. Riggins, Portland.
 Fifth district—Ira Saylor.
 Sixth district—Wm. Parsons.
 Seventh district—A. B. Craft.
 Eighth district—J. F. Johnson.
 Ninth district—D. L. Grace.
 Reform papers please copy. Delegates please write me. Address:—

HARRY WATKINS,
 Hillsdale, Multnomah Co., Or.
 Fin de Siecle Pable.

A dog once fell in love with a cat, and after telling her for a year of her beauty of form and feature, proposed marriage. "Excuse me, if you please," said the feline, "we would not make suitable mates."
 "But you have nothing to fear," argued the dog. "If ever I should be brute enough to try to abuse you, you could use your claws and scratch me half to death. You would have the sunny side of the contract."
 "That may or may not be true," observed the cat, glancing in the direction of a tree, "but my idea of matrimony is that a bride should not be expected to enter the regular army."
 Moral—Some dogs and cats do marry.

The length of the Suez canal is ninety-two miles, depth twenty-six feet. It was thirteen years in construction. Tolls average \$4300 per vessel. Steamers pass through in forty hours. It shortens the voyage between England and the East one-third, and thus enables one vessel to do the work that would require three by the Cape of Good Hope.

ONE MORE SALE

—AT—

A. V. PETERS!

Through unavoidable circumstances, being unable to give my personal attention to business this Spring and Summer, I have determined to offer my entire well assorted stock of Merchandise at Cost, until Fall, or further notice. It is impossible to quote prices on every article in the store, but the following are a few, to give you an idea of what we are doing:

Dress Goods.

36 to black All-Wool Mohair	reg. 50c, now 40c
44 in " " " "	reg. 75c, now 55c
44 in " " " "	reg. 1.10, now 80c
44 in " " " "	reg. 1.50, now 1.10
44 in colored " "	reg. 1.40, now 1.10
44 in " " " "	reg. 2.00, now 1.50
44 in " " " "	reg. 2.50, now 2.00

Our selling campaign and etc. will all be sold at a great reduction.

Men's and Boys' Hats.

Men's reg. 2 1/2 black Felt at	1.65
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Boys' reg. 1.00 black Felt at	60c
" " " " " " " " " " " "	50c
Boys' and girl's Caps	20c

Don't overlook our stiff Hats; we have them from \$1 up.

Ladies' Shirt Waists.

60c Shirt Waist for	45c
75c " " " "	55c
1.00 " " " "	70c
1.25 " " " "	90c
1.50 " " " "	1.10
1.75 " " " "	1.30

Come early and get first choice, for they will not last long at these prices.

Men's and Boys' Shoes.

Men's 100 Brogue Shoes at	2.45
" " " " " " " " " " " "	1.85
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" " " " " " " " " " " "	1.00
Boys' 1.00 " " " " " " " "	60c
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Our men's and boys' Heavy Shoes are also included in this sale.

Ladies' Shoes.

100 Brogue Kid shoes for	2.45
1.00 " " " "	1.85
1.25 " " " "	1.45
1.50 and 1.75 Brogue shoes for	1.20 and 1.50
100 white Brogue children's shoes	45c
100 white Brogue children's shoes	40c

Notice: Heavy Shoes will share the same slaughter.

Gents' Underwear.

Men's 400 Shirts and Drawers	reg. 100c, now 65c ea
Men's Knit " " " "	reg. 75c, now 50c ea
Men's " " " " " "	reg. 50c, now 35c ea
Men's and boys' Heavy Socks, Undershirts and Jumpers will be sold at cost.	

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