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For Vice-President,
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For Presidential Electors from Oregon,
T. T. GREER, OF MARION COUNTY,
S. M. YORAN, OF LAKE,
E. L. SMITH, OF WASCO,
J. F. CAPLES, OF MULTNOMAH.

AN OPEN LETTER.

John M. Wall, chairman of the Bryan-Union-Campaign committee, whoever and whatever that may be: Referring to your challenge to the republicans of Washington county, extending an opportunity to discuss the political issues before the people of the county, permit me to say: That if you will name the time and speaker, and place for the discussion of the political issues involved in this campaign, and give to the undersigned one week's notice thereof, and will contribute one-half of the expenses necessary in advertising said meeting, and providing a place for meeting, a representative of the republican party will be present to take part in the discussion of such issues from the republican standpoint.
The only reservation is that you shall not name a time or place where regular republican meetings are being held, or advertised to be held, or in conflict therewith.
Permit me to say, that in the more places you take advantage of this opportunity, the more pleased will be the republicans of Washington county. W. D. WOOD, Chairman Republican County Central Committee.

SOME NON-PARTISAN STATISTICS.

A few reliable statistics bearing on the all-important money question are here given. On Feb. 1, '96, the amount of U. S. money in circulation per capita was \$22.47. Counting all kinds of money France's per capita, the largest, is \$42.84, Belgium \$27.58, the Netherlands \$25.89, and Greece, mostly in depreciated paper \$25.50. No other countries of Europe have as much as \$20 per capita; only eight of the remainder have over \$15; and all but one of the others have under \$10.
The world's production of gold in 1894 was 8,780,518 fine ounces, valued at \$181,510,100, of this Australasia produced \$41,760,800, Africa \$40,346,000, United States \$39,500,000, Russia \$27,646,000, China \$6,014,000, Mexico \$4,500,000, British India \$3,986,000, Col-

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umbia \$2,892,000 British Guiana \$2,310,000, Germany \$2,293,100, and Brazil \$2,219,500. In '95 the world's output was \$200,000,000, the share of the United States being 2,265,612 fine ounces, valued at \$46,830,000, and giving this country second place. Says Alden's Cyclopaedia: Much of the increase in the United States was due to enlarged mining operations in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Alaska since the repeal of the silver purchase clause of the Sherman act." In 1895 the imports into the United States of the yellow metal were \$32,538,736, and exports \$104,601,023. At the close of the year the National banks held an aggregate of \$162,925,260, and the general stock, coined or issued, amounted to \$568,106,939, of which the treasury held \$83,378,392, and the Russian government \$30,769,115. On April 1 the general stock coined or issued was \$588,743,393, an increase of \$21,000,000 over April 1, 1895, but the treasury reserve was larger by \$54,000,000, and the amount in actual circulation \$28,000,000 shorter, \$43,822,469 of gold certificates were then outstanding, except \$583,220 held by the treasury. These figures ignore the amount used in the mechanic arts which is considerable but about which no trustworthy information is obtainable.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

The national Bureau of Education in co-operation with the department of agriculture is developing a system of road improvement which will give substantial results at slight cost. The great need of country roads is daily care but it would be extremely costly under the present methods of management.

Twice a day the roads of the country are actually patrolled by school boys old enough to give the necessary attention to throwing out stones, opening ditches and sluices, draining off storm water, filling ruts and holes, etc., and giving notice to the proper authorities of anything needing prompt attention on their part. If this were done great practical benefit to the present roads would result at little or no cost while training up a generation of road builders for the future. A few light tools at the school house and a moderate amount of primary instruction in roadmaking, which could be gained from the government bulletins, would enable much to be done along this line. Teaching a child to make himself useful would in itself be no small part of a good education.

"I TOLD YOU SO."

Candidate Watson, Mr. Bryan's running mate on the Populist ticket, addressed an open air meeting at Alma, Neb. on the 17th and said: "I am here to remind the Populists that our purpose will not have been accomplished when we merely open the mints to the coinage of silver. We are here willing to go with the Democrats that far, but we don't expect to stop there. We don't expect that our banner shall be furled until we have enacted into the statutes of this Republic the last plank in the people's party platform. (Applause.) Therefore, I am here principally to talk Populism to Populists." (Cries of Good.) This is for the edification of those ex-republicans and democrats who have been asserting that in the event of Bryan's election nothing but free silver would result. We are here to remind you that the choice for Oregon voters lies between Bryan & Watson, and McKinley & Hobart. Read the Populist platform in the light of Mr.

Watson's declaration and then the Republican, and vote for the best interest of the country.

The recent unpleasant experience of one of the school districts in this county where a director's daughter was employed as teacher, points the need for Oregon's having a law similar to those of states where district officers cannot employ a teacher closer related to them than by consanguinity. In a few instances where two of the directors have each had daughters, the year has been divided between them to the detriment of the school. No teacher can be so efficient in her home neighborhood, and if worth employing, can obtain employment elsewhere. Making public schools a sinecure for relatives is a poor policy.

The reorganization of the Portland fire department on a political basis has so impaired its efficiency that citizens are forming volunteer companies to protect their property. A short time ago Mr. F. E. Beach, the only one of the commission who seemed to care anything about the city's interest, resigned, and since then things have become completely tangled. One big fire would damage Portland many times the amount of the petty savings Penoyer has effected.

General Coxe has been decided against by the district election board in his contest over the populist nomination for congressman, the other convention being held to be the regular one. The agitator will now endeavor to secure nomination by petition.

It was most appropriate that the Afro-Methodist ministers at their Canton conference should call on Major McKinley, for it is to the party of which he is the candidate that they owe their all, rights of property, suffrage and manhood.

Queen Victoria one week ago Wednesday passed the longest reign of any previous English sovereign. That's not saying hers is the most glorious, however.

Nine-million-dollar Mr. Hearst, through his San Francisco Examiner, is the leading backer on this coast of Mr. Bryan, the "poor man's candidate."

England's way of protecting the gold reserve is not to float bonds, but to raise the rate of discount. It has gone up one per cent. in the last month.

Cuba and Armenia still excite the sympathy of civilization but national jealousies prevent their receiving any more substantial assistance.

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Real Estate Transfers.
Mary A Clarke to William J Clark lots 2 In Spencer's homestead and lot 7 In Gay Oak \$ 750 00
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Norval Blige to J V Hall lot 6 blk 5 Sherwood 300 00
W C Puffer to Mary A Jackson n 1/2 of the n w qr and s e qr of the n w qr sec 14 1 r 2 w 1800 00
Martha J Goodwin to Martha M Goodwin n w qr sec 37 12 n r 2 w 500 00
William F Gallagher by Thos Gibbons executor to Thomas Rollins 117 a of sec 6 1 r 1 w, to correct 2700 00
Fred Whit and wife to S R Bond w 1/2 of the n w qr sec 21 1 r 2 w 1250 00
First National Bank of Hillsboro to Constance A Dakyus 200 a in 1 r 2 w 250 00
John H Martin to William Emson 20 a sec 25 1 r 2 w 1000 00
J A and Eva E Rable to W A Walker 20 25 a of sec 21 r 2 w 1000 00

County School Notes.

Mr. J. M. Overholzer will begin teaching on Oct. 5 a three months term in district 40.
A four and one-half months term was commenced in district 74, Bethany, on Sept. 14. Mr. J. R. Willis, of Hillsboro, teacher.
John Hohman, of Tigardville, is again in charge of the Cedar Mill school, district 6. Sept. 1 school began for a six months term.
Mr. Geo. Miller, of Glencoe, is teaching a three months term in district 15, near Mountindale. School began September 14.
District 14's school began for a three months term on Sept. 21. Mr. G. W. Tamiesie, of Hillsboro, is teacher.
Joint district 28, near Scappoose, began last April and will continue its school until the middle of December. Miss Estella Forrest, of Arthur P. O., is teacher.
Mr. Harry C. Baker, of Thatcher, is to be teacher of Blooming, district 77, school for the two and one-half months term beginning Oct. 12.
District 61, near Dixie, began its school Aug. 31 for a seven weeks term with Miss Eva Cypher, of Glencoe, teacher.
Last Monday a two months term opened in district 49, near Gaston, Mr. Stephenson, of Laurel, teacher.
Miss Clara Pickel, of Monmouth, has joint district 35's school for the three months term opening Oct. 19.
Mr. Ward Swope, of Forest Grove, began a four months term at Farmington, district 17, last Monday.
Miss Jennie Noble, of Oregon City, is teacher of joint district 25, near Tualatin, for the three months term beginning Sept. 28.
Miss Louisa Mooberry will teach at Fern Hill, district 53. A four months term will begin Oct. 5.
Mr. W. S. Gordon, of Forest Grove, began Aug. 31 a three months term in district 63, near Mountindale.
Whipping pupils is a cheap device in which incompetent teachers hope to hide their own weakness.—Patrick.
"The frequent use of the rod is a frequent acknowledgement of natural unfitness."
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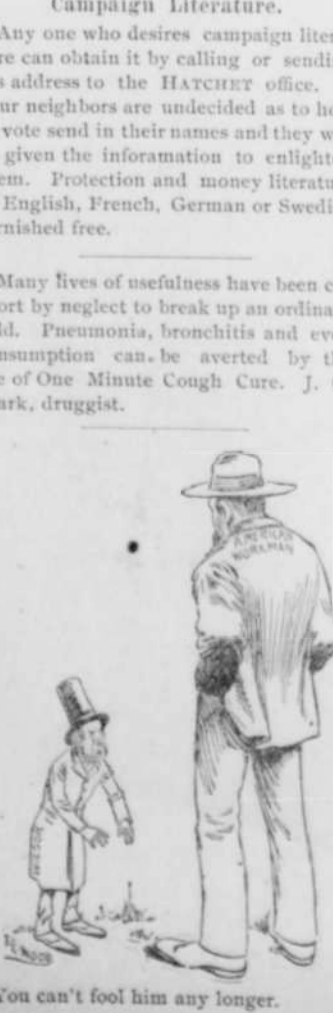
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