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TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS.

No more significant event has occurred in American politics in many years than the elections of last Tuesday. It is true that many states and some of the same ones went republican in '94, but there was an undefined feeling among republicans that the 1894 majorities were due to a temporary restlessness of the people after having a taste of democratic legislation. Party leaders feared that the 1894 result might prove to be a snowball that would melt away when the sun of prosperity began to shine. The democratic press claims that prosperity has returned, but it has not melted the slide, but rather has shown that instead of being snow it was veritably a landslide, and a solid one, too. The result of Tuesday proves that the people do not regard the republican party as a person, but as an organization through which they announce their political opinions. The people now see clearly the kind of government that is to their interest to maintain. They have deliberately thrown over the democratic idea of tariff, not only in Maryland, but in other states. They have just as deliberately rejected unlimited coinage of silver. Mr. Cleveland's gold platform is as surely covered up with republican ballots.

What we are to have is legislation friendly to American industries and laborers, and a currency that will be recognized the world over. Besides that we are to have a foreign policy that will be respected at home and abroad. We will not blindly provoke foreign quarrels nor will we allow foreigners to insult us. These things are assured, and we were so notified last Tuesday. A republican president will be elected in 1896, and we will have both houses of congress in 1897. The elections of 1894 introduced prosperity, and the result of last Tuesday will encourage the far-sighted to prepare for the new era of prosperity.

JUST SO.

Dr. Tamsieles, in great, good nature, takes the INDEPENDENT to task for criticism made touching the administration of city affairs by the present council. He has set a better example than the INDEPENDENT has on some occasions. However, approaching the subject in the same spirit, it seems that a few words in reply may properly be said.

One proposition the INDEPENDENT made has not been denied, viz: That it is economy to replace 8 per cent bonds with others bearing a lower rate of interest. But Councilman Tamsieles defends his action and that of the council by declaring that it is bad policy to sell long-time bonds, even if they do bear a low rate of interest. This proposition the INDEPENDENT will not deny, but it still maintains that it is better to pay a low rate of interest on long-time bonds than a high rate.

Can the city get out of debt in ten years? Councilman Tamsieles says it can, and with a 10-mill tax, though he gives no figures to substantiate the assertion. The INDEPENDENT very reluctantly is compelled to take another view of the question. The present income of the city is no more than \$4,800 per annum. The running expenses in 1894 were about \$1,575, and this year they will almost, if not quite, reach that figure, whereas only about \$300 is left to form a sinking fund. But it may be said that expenses have been extraordinary for a year past; that next year we will have no roadways to plank. Well, admit it. Make the sinking fund \$1,000. In ten years we have saved but \$10,000. Yet our debt now is \$17,000, and if we buy the light and water plant there is another \$10,000 or \$15,000. Hence, it is seen that however desirable it may be to get out of debt in ten years, it is impossible with the present revenue.

But the councilman may think at first glance that the running expense account is too liberally estimated. Here are some figures: Light and water (present schedule) \$1,450 Interest on bonds \$800 Interest on warrants 600-1400 Salary of councilmen 144 " marshal 360 " recorder 75 Stationery 30 Repair of fire apparatus 50 Street work 500 Small items 200 Total \$4,099

This from estimated income leaves but \$700 for the sinking fund. Note the large items of expense. Interest is the greatest. The council had an opportunity to cut that down \$300 per year, but it was not done. The above estimate is conservative. Already in 1895 the expenditures have been: Warrants issued \$2,804 85 Interest on \$10,000 (ought to be but \$800) 800 00 Interest on floating warrants 600 00 Total \$4,204 85

The bills for November are yet to be added. The INDEPENDENT took a one-year basis because it is smaller, and easily seen, but a twenty-year basis will serve for an excellent illustration, since it has been shown above that we cannot pay out sooner, if then The interest on \$15,000, at 8 per cent for twenty years, is \$24,000. The interest of the same sum, at 6 per cent, is \$18,000, showing a net gain of \$6,000. But the council would not permit the city to save that sum.

It is not worth while to bandy words about what has been done. We are now in debt and we must get out. But it may be said that public health and protection from fire demanded water works. We have good health

and protection. A former council probably, as times have turned out, made a mistake in building the city hall, but who then could foresee that Cleveland would be elected. There is a defense for former councils, but it is not necessary to make it here. Councilman Tamsieles remarks that the 8's will be due in five years, when we can replace them with others bearing a lower rate of interest. That is just what the INDEPENDENT wanted to do, and do it now, so as to save \$1000 in the five years.

As to fault finding with the manner of street improvements. If the council has shifted from its shoulders, to a committee, the responsibility of carrying forward public works, it has done a very unfortunate thing, and should, at once, enter upon a reform movement. All jobbery in our large cities are manipulated by these same committees, and we, here in Hillsboro, must not get into that irregular way of doing business.

If the broker would not take bonds except they be offered by a unanimous vote of the council, Dr. Tamsieles could have sustained himself by voting with Councilmen Stanley and Brown, and thrown the responsibility for a failure to sell upon a minority. The record would have looked no worse when this effort to sell bonds aborted than it does bearing that resolution of May 7th.

There is another place where the council might have saved \$600, or more, to the public treasury each year, but it balked at taking the step. In preparing amendments to the city charter last January, a section was proposed requiring street improvements to be made at the expense of adjoining property. The council refused to recommend the section. Do you bear that action in mind?

No, the INDEPENDENT is not yet convinced that an error was committed when this council was criticized.

ENGLAND AND JAPAN.

A cable dispatch from London to the New York Sun says: "The belief that events of the first magnitude are impending in the far East daily grows stronger, not only in London, but also in other European capitals. The only point upon which all reports and all opinions agree is that English interests in that section of the world are vitally threatened.

The reported treaty between Russia and China regarding Port Arthur aroused such widespread alarm in England that attention has been directed from news of even more serious import to this country which has been coming from Japan for several days past. The first hint of what was going on was contained in a dispatch to the Times, which said that a strong feeling in favor of Russia is gaining ground in Japan, it being held that a friendly alliance with that country can alone bring prosperity to Japan.

"Then as was announced that Count Yamagata is for Russia, and if he gains his point in the council of ministers, Japan and Russia will be in alliance.

"To-day comes a momentous report, which is being freely circulated in diplomatic circles in London, but has not yet appeared in print, that such a Russo-Japanese alliance has been practically decided upon. This rumor, for I do not attempt to dignify it in any stronger name, finds reader credence among diplomats than the story about the secret treaty with China. The diplomatic world is beginning to regard China as in a condition of decadence almost beyond remedy making, impotent as a friend and harmless as an enemy.

"It is well known that England has adopted the most friendly attitude toward Japan since the treaty of peace was signed. It is believed here that Japan has been putting that friendliness to the test. The Japanese government, it is represented, argued that in the face of the obvious designs of Russia and France, she must have the support of Great Britain to the extent of a full offensive and defensive alliance, because anything short of that would fail to check the plans of the opposing coalition.

"England, of course, would not grant such a treaty, except in the face of the most desperate necessity. There are strong and manifold indications that Japan, becoming suspicious, as she is right in doing, of British bona fides, has been quietly negotiating for some weeks with Russia.

"If this proves a correct view of the situation, it will be greeted by the whole diplomatic world with gleeful satisfaction if statesmen ever allow themselves to entertain such an emotion.

"It is quite certain that not a finger will be raised to help England in her dilemma. On the contrary, all Europe will rejoice to see British preponderance in the far East completely overturned, as it soon would be in such an eventuality.

"Every hour of the day this week brings fresh quotations of opinion from France, Russia, Germany, Austria and other parts of the continent expressing satisfaction over the belief that England is being worsted in the great game of diplomacy now being played. The only expedient anywhere suggested for turning the situation to possible English advantage, is the desperate one of flinging an immediate excuse for declaring war against China in order to seize the prize which otherwise, sooner or later, will be divided among Great Britain's rivals."

Not a Northern state has gone democratic, and two Southern states have gone republican.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE MATTER.

To the Editor: As the editor of the INDEPENDENT, by an editorial in last week's issue under the caption of "Economy or Silence," defends the article of the previous issue, signed "Economy," and in which are some very severe censures upon the city council, I am constrained to offer a few words to the taxpayers of Hillsboro through your columns. There seems to be but little difficulty upon the part of our worthy editor to obtain information from our recorder or treasurer, as he has quoted figures in his article showing the indebtedness in December, 1894, which are correct. So if "Economy" had made it a point to be present when the annual report of the city treasurer was submitted to the city council, his strictures relative to the financial condition of our town being withheld from the public, would never have been written.

"Economy" and the editor of the INDEPENDENT must surely know that a report from our treasurer, properly made, certified, acknowledged and printed in the INDEPENDENT at so much per line, would not be economy—at least not for the town of Hillsboro.

Now as to the bonds: First, our friends will please remember that the \$10,000 8 per cent bonds are due in five years.

Second, it was proposed to refund these bonds and issue \$15,000 6 per cent bonds due in twenty years. Yes, twenty years, and I wish to call "Economy's" and our worthy editor's attention to that fact.

In ten years our town can be out of debt—and own the water and light system besides, for it is stipulated in the contract between the Water and Light Co. that at the end of ten years (five having now elapsed) that the \$10,000 worth of bonds upon which we are now paying 8 per cent interest, shall apply upon the purchase price of the plant after it has been appraised in the manner stipulated in the contract, and this the town must do or lose the \$10,000.

By levying an annual 10-mill tax and with the income from other sources, our town can be out of debt in ten years.

Why hamper our town with an interest-bearing debt for twenty years, if ten years will liquidate the debt? Must not this old debt be paid?

If it was false economy to issue the \$10,000 of 8 per cent bonds, why did not "Economy" and our worthy editor let fall their criticisms where critics are due? "Now, if our worthy editor will again take up his pencil and follow us in a few calculations on a twenty-year basis instead of a one-year basis, he will see that his censures are misplaced.

Interest on \$15,000 6 per cent bonds for twenty years will amount to \$18,000. By being economical, and fixing the tax levy at ten mills, in ten years we will be clear of all indebtedness. That will leave for our town a clear gain, the interest on \$15,000 for ten years, or \$9,000. Our present 8 per cent bonds will be due in five years. If we wish, the time can be extended or we can replace them at a lower rate of interest.

No improvements except those that were absolutely necessary have been made, namely: the replacing of the street planking, and if, as the editor says, more lumber was used than was necessary, let him cause his anathemas to fall where they should, as the street improvement, to which he refers, was entirely in the hands of the street committee.

To place myself properly before the members of the council, and people interested in this matter of our town's indebtedness, I did think when Mr. Noble was here negotiating with us for the \$15,000 worth of bonds that it would be a good thing for the town; in fact it was myself who introduced Mr. Noble to members of the council, and urged the members to vote for the resolution, which I introduced and voted against. I voted against my resolution because Mr. Noble informed me that he would not agree to take the bonds at 98 or at any price, unless there was a unanimous vote, as he was simply acting as agent for eastern parties; and when other members of the council voted against the resolution, I felt it my duty to vote against my own resolution, as nothing would have resulted from simply a majority vote, except to have it appear upon our city records that a negotiation for \$15,000 worth of bonds had taken place, and yet not, as Mr. Gates said the bonds intended to be refunded, a few days afterward.

If the question was to come before the council at the next session, I should vote against issuing \$15,000 6 per cent twenty-year bonds from a different motive, namely: it is not a good financial proposition for the town, as I have endeavored to show.

In conclusion, let me say that the present council has cut down expenses where it was possible to do so. "Economy" and our worthy editor that there is a stipulation in the contract between the Hillsboro Light and Water Co. and the city, made five years ago, that just so many are lights and just so many hydrants, at least, shall be paid for, for at least ten years. I shall also say that these have been cut down to the minimum—the very lowest that can be used under the contract, but nevertheless, this is what is draining the town financially.

I do not censure former councils, as I believe all have acted as they thought for the best interest of our

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town, and if financial depression and if a consequent fall in the assessable values of town property came, making our assessments low, and our taxes high, to fulfill the conditions of their contract, made when times were good, I, at least, will give them credit for sincerity and honesty, as most of them are taxpayers and exercised their best judgment for our town.

Finally, I shall take very great pleasure to attend the next town meeting, and shall most gladly place in nomination for councilman, our worthy editor and his confederate, "Economy," (if I can learn his true name) and shall expect my friends to elect them. J. P. TAMMIELES, M. D.

The republicans have a majority of four in the legislature of Kentucky. Blackburn is defeated. A republican will be chosen.

Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, will be championed by his state before the next National Republican Convention for the candidate for vice-president.

The senate to convene in December next will contain 44 republicans, 39 democrats and 6 populists, with one seat vacant; there being but one senator chosen from Delaware.

Durant, in San Francisco, and Holmes, in Philadelphia, have been convicted of murder in the first degree. Of the two, Holmes' crime is the more revolting.

Bob Ingersoll is to be an orthodox christian hereafter. Some ten or fifteen years ago he announced that he would believe in a hell when Kentucky went republican. Well, Kentucky has got there.

The dismemberment of Turkey is threatened. Should the powers appeal to force to restore order within the realm of the Sick Man, the balance of power in Europe will be disturbed. England from very weakness will suffer most. Then will it be clearly seen why she sought an alliance with the United States. We have nothing to fear from England, but let us be modest and dignified.

This is the third time that Col. Wm. O. Bradley has run for governor on the republican ticket in Kentucky. The first time he ran on the democratic majority from 75,000 to 30,000. The second time he made another big gain, and now this, the third time he has been chosen to be the chief executive. Gov. Bradley is by far the ablest man in the state, unless Secretary Carlisle can stand by his side.

While England claims to be a powerful nation, she, in fact, is exceedingly weak. At any rate, her actions make her seem that way. She attempts to protect civilization in Turkey by diplomacy, when it is plain that nothing but hard blows will control that half civilized people. And these blows England fears to deliver. Her size and apparent strength is her weakness.

Tammany captured the nominating convention in New York, and, with its superb organization, elected its city ticket last Tuesday. There is evidence that tends to show that the tiger's success is due to the stay-at-homes. The better element of the democratic party in New York City must learn to do two things—first, control the nominating convention and if that is not possible, then second, to vote the republican ticket. In no other way can Tammany be defeated.

The result of the election in New York last Tuesday, confirms the INDEPENDENT in what was said a few weeks since, that when a party resolves for an honest administration and purer morals, it cannot be bad politics to say so. Tammany seized the reins of its party and used all the machinery of organization, but men corrupt and refused to vote for the tiger, so that defeat was met at every point except in the city. The republican majorities this year are larger than they were last. If the people of the empire state continue thus to ply the scissors it will not be long before the claws of the beast will be clipped.

SHERIFF'S SALE ON EXECUTION.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION, State of Oregon, for Washington County, in favor of Edward Constable, deceased, and against the estate of William D. Bradley, deceased, I, Sheriff of said County, Oregon, do hereby sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following-described real property, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 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