

NEWS OF THE STATE

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

POTATOES IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Over 16,000 sacks raised near New Era—Postoffice and grocery burned at Philomath.

Stone is being shipped from the quarry in Lincoln county to Eugene, where it will be used in building the new court-house for Lane county.

Samuel Garoutte, of Cottage Grove in Lane county, has gone to Texas to visit his brothers. One he has not seen for 61 years, and the other 30 years.

The Astorian says that it is reported on good authority that the lighthouse-tender Columbine, which has just been painted black, is to be fitted with protective plates and put in the naval service for use in the Columbia river harbor in case of war.

The Eugene Guard says that the amount pledged for stock in the enterprise enables it to say that a steamboat to be operated between Eugene and Portland will be an assured fact. The boat will be owned by Eugene business men and shippers. A meeting was held in Eugene last night to consider the proposition.

F. M. Lacey has already this spring purchased 18,000 head of yearling ewes and mixed wethers from Marshall & Furnish, of Pendleton, at \$2.50 per head, and 13,000 2-year-old wethers from various parties in Morrow county, at \$2.75 per head, with the wool off, and to be delivered after shearing, says the Heppner Times.

The general merchandise store of J. W. Ingle, the postoffice building and an adjoining warehouse at Philomath were destroyed by fire on the morning about 2:30 o'clock. The store and contents are a total loss. Nearly all of the fixtures, stoves and mail matter in the postoffice were saved. The stock of merchandise was insured for \$5000, but the policy on the buildings, which were owned by Jerry Henkle, expired a few months ago.

Charles Roper's ranch house, across Bear creek, in Jackson county, was burned Monday night with its entire contents. About 9:30 P. M., while Roper was out at the barn, the lamp which he had left burning exploded with loud report, scattering burning oil and glass everywhere and setting every window in the house. He ran to the house in time to witness the wreck, but was unable to save anything, as the whole building was quickly wrapped in flames. A can of oil and a considerable supply of giant powder and ammunition caused him to place a safe distance between him and the burning structure, from which there arose a big fusillade. The loss to Mr. Roper is about \$200.

The raising of potatoes has long been the chief industry of the people living around New Era, five miles south of Oregon City on the Willamette river and Southern Pacific railroad in Clackamas Co. The shipment of the past season run up to nearly 16,000 sacks of first quality potatoes. The Alaska excitement brought a new industry into life, the manufacture of pack saddles, and already over 2000 have been turned out from the new factory located at the head of Rock Island. The power to run the factory is developed from Fly creek, a small stream that drops over the high bluff. This small stream furnishes sufficient power to operate saws, turning lathes and other machinery. The factory is fitted to turn out all the wood used in making wagons and a large body of hardwood timber furnishes the raw material.

In a personal letter, James E. Durham, a Copper river enthusiast, who went from McMinnville to Seattle to outfit in preference to outfitting at home, writes back to a friend that the city on the Sound holds no prestige over Portland as an outfitting point. The letter says in part: "These people over here are the worst prevaricators in the world. The boat people stand in with the hotels. They advertise that the boats will sail such and such a day, knowing full well they will be from three to five days late, which means the spending of \$8 to \$10 for board etc. Now, our boat is billed to leave here on the 20th, and she is not in port yet. Our passage to Portage bay cost us \$90 each. We are allowed 1000 pounds of freight on each ticket. Portage bay is in Prince William sound. We will have to make a portage of 12 miles over the ice and snow. We will be unable to get a boat into the inlet for a month yet, so took this route. We will get a small boat at Surprise City to take us up Kluie river. From there we will hoof it. As I have said, the boat is not yet in, and it will be Friday or Saturday before we get off, if then."

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FUSION PLATFORM.

United to a common cause for the sacred purpose of preserving the principles of government by the whole people, in fact as well as in name, restoring and maintaining equality under that government, of all classes, we, the people's democratic and silver-republican parties of the state of Oregon, waiving all minor points of difference, and uniting for the purpose of carrying out the great underlying principles upon which we are all agreed, do make and present to the people of this state the following declaration of principles, and to the carrying out of which we solemnly pledge each and every candidate upon our united ticket:

First—We demand the free and unrestricted coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of foreign nations; and we are unalterably opposed to the policy of the present republican administration in demanding the retirement of greenbacks, and the turning over of the money-making power of the government to the national banks, as presented by the bill drawn by the republican secretary of the treasury, and endorsed by President McKinley; and we especially denounce the avowed attempt by said bill to fasten the country irrevocably and forever to the single gold standard.

We demand a national money, safe and sound, issued by the general government only, without the intervention of banks of issue, to be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private; also a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people through the lawful disbursements of the government.

We demand that the volume of circulating medium be speedily increased to an amount sufficient to meet the demands of the business and population of this country, and to restore the just level of prices of labor and production.

We favor such legislation as will prevent for the future the demonization of any kind of legal tender money by private contract.

We demand that the government, in payment of its obligations, shall use its option as to the kind of lawful money in which they be paid, and we denounce the present and preceding administrations for surrendering this option to the holders of government obligations.

We demand that there shall be no further issue of United States interest-bearing bonds.

We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the savings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

We demand the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

We demand the initiative and referendum system of law-making in its optional form, local, state and national, and the submission by congress of all important national questions for an advisory vote of the people, until such time as the national constitution shall have been amended so as to provide for direct legislation.

We condemn as dangerous and unjust the surrender, in all departments of the government, to the influence of trusts, corporations and aggregations of wealth generally; and the packing of the highest courts of the land with corporation lawyers, too ready to do the will of their late employers, and to set aside valid and wholesome laws passed by the legislative departments of the states and government, upon flimsy pretexts, at the behests of such institutions.

We are opposed to government by injunction.

In state matters, we demand: A simple and well-guarded registration law.

A more equitable mode of appointing judges of election.

Stringent laws to regulate the operation of fish traps, fish wheels and all fishing gear in the waters within the jurisdiction of the state.

We denounce and condemn the corrupt and extravagant republican legislative assemblies, and charge that the republican party, in its eagerness for the spoils of office, has become divided into warring factions, so that it is incapable of government as exemplified by the condition existing in the office of the state treasurer, where being at this time more than \$500,000 therein wrong from the people by the process of taxation, while state warrants are stamped "Not paid for want of funds."

We demand that all district and county officers be placed upon salaries commensurate with the duties to be performed by them.

Inasmuch as railroad and other corporate property is not bearing its proportion of taxation, we demand that such property shall bear its just and equal share of the expenses of government.

POPULIST PLATFORM.

The populist who refused to unite with the democrats, withdrew from the convention and held a convention in which not all of the counties in the state were represented. A platform was adopted and a state ticket nominated. After endorsing the Omaha platform and the 1896 St. Louis platform, the following demands touching state policies were formulated.

"We demand that all state officers receive the salary named in the constitution, and no more.

"We demand the abolition of the state printer's office, and the letting out by contract the public printing,

the method now so satisfactorily in operation in most of the states.

We demand the abolition of the office of attorney-general.

"The state railroad commission, as packed by the legislature in the interest of the railroad corporations, being a menace to what remedial legislation may come through said legislature, we demand the prompt passage of a maximum freight and passenger law.

"We demand the abolition of all useless commissions, offices, sinecures and jobs of all descriptions, and the curtailing of legislative clerk hire to the actual needs of the legislative sessions, and a general cutting down of expenses and retrenchment in all our public institutions; believing that all tax money collected from the people by process of law, being arbitrary and not voluntary, it should be expended with the most rigid economy.

"We demand an amendment to the state constitution, providing for direct legislation, and the imperative mandate in the obligatory form.

"We demand that the state publish all school books, and sell the same to the citizens at actual cost."

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of seeking nomination through fusion with the democrats and silver republicans, and thus get elected to such offices as they desired; and

"Whereas, After organization of said convention, a committee was appointed to draft a platform that should be acceptable to democrats and silver republicans; and

"Whereas, Thereafter, the said committee reported the following platform (the fusion platform adopted), and the same was adopted by a strict fusion vote.

"We charge that said platform adopted by said fusion convention, claiming the name of the people's party and its organization, as promulgated at the Omaha and St. Louis national conventions, and its plank on direct legislation, is indefinite, inadequate and incomplete, and is of no more practical effect than would have been a plank in a political platform favoring Utopia.

"We charge that said platform neither demands nor favors economy and honesty in the administration of state affairs, and for proof of this charge we cite the fact that a resolution, pledging the nominees of the fusion ticket, if elected, only to accept constitutional salaries, was over whelmingly voted down.

"We also charge that a resolution to maintain the party autonomy was likewise voted down.

"And, whereas, By the adoption of said platform it became apparent to all true populists that the convention, as there constituted, was controlled by men who were no longer populists, but were office-hunters and spoliators, and was not, therefore, a populist convention, but in truth and in fact a democratic-silver-republican convention, the delegates there assembled who were populists by conviction and principle were falling in their duty to their party in longer remaining in said convention.

"The true populists in said convention assembled after the adoption of the democratic platform above named, severed their connection with said so-called people's party convention, and adjourned to another hall, and there organized a people's party convention and proceeded to adopt a platform and principles, and nominate a ticket."

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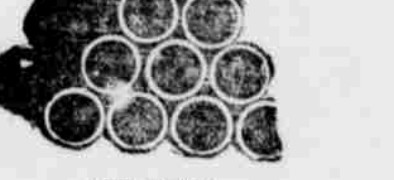
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