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STATE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The republican platform of the June election in Oregon is as follows: "The republicans of Oregon, in convention assembled, reaffirm their belief in and loyalty to the gold standard. We commend the republican congress for its recent legislation making the gold standard a part of the statutory law of the land. So long as either of our great political parties advocates the free coinage of silver, the maintenance of the gold standard is the most important political issue, affecting as it does the value of the farmer's crop and the laborer's wages. We call upon all who believe in sound money to unite with the republicans of Oregon in the important elections of this year in order that a victory may be won for the gold standard so decisive as forever to preclude the debasement of our currency by the free coinage of silver."

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

"We are in favor of the immediate construction of a canal between the Atlantic and the Pacific at the Isthmus of Panama, and we instruct the Oregon delegation in congress to labor earnestly and continually for the enactment of such legislation as will lead to the construction and operation of the canal under government control. We urge the immediate passage of the bill now pending in congress to pension Indian War Veterans, and we pledge the support of the Oregon delegation in congress to the same. We heartily indorse the administration of Governor Geer and the state officials of Oregon, as economical, wise and creditable to the state."

COMMERCE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

"Commerce and Commercial Prospects in the Philippines" is the subject of a discussion in the Moniteur Officiel du Commerce, an official publication of the French Government which has just reached the Treasury Bureau of Statistics. It calls attention of those interested in the foreign commerce of France to the fact that American commerce in the Orient is making rapid developments, and especially so through the foothold which it has obtained at Manila. The statement is as follows: "The export houses of Manila are about resuming their business activity and responding to the demands for sugar, abaca, copra, tobacco, etc., which they had been unable to satisfy during the whole of the past year. The import trade underwent important changes by reason of the occupation of the Philippines by the United States, this change by no means yet being complete. Before acting the business men of the colony had to study the new conditions under which henceforward the importation of foreign manufactures might be carried on. The Philippine market received prior to the Spanish American war, all sorts of articles coming from England, Spain, France, Belgium, etc. The United States whose exports to these islands had been relatively very insignificant importance, have since taken an important place in the victualing of Manila, which place is daily growing in importance. The business men of this city, after a few months of observation, became convinced that in order to hold their own against the American competitor, they would have to replenish part of their stock of trade with American goods, so that now one can see in all the stores of Manila besides the foreign goods formerly imported, also a number of articles which the Amer-

WINNING NEW MARKETS ON THE PHILIPPINES.

ed for its products the company might have greatly increased their sale, and overproduction in this case really means an output larger than has been sold at the prices demanded. In its foreign business the company has not chosen to pursue the same policy. It has greatly increased its exports, and the February export price for smooth wire was only 2 1/2 cents, against 3 0/5 cents charged at works by the carload, and for nails only 2 1/2 cents, against 3 2/3 cents charged here. The figures suffice to show that lower prices than those charged yield a sufficient profit for export, as the actual report also shows. Fanatical Free Traders will take notice that this company is in no way helped by tariff duties and has been exporting extensively whether prices were high or low. But there are many thousand men out of work to day because this company has chosen to charge prices so high that, according to its president, it does not sell its whole product even with the aid of lower prices abroad and an increasing demand for nails. In the Pittsburg region alone there are said to be twenty-five hundred thrown out of employment by the stoppage of works of this company. It can be easily understood that the men who find themselves in this position may have bitter feelings toward the Steel and Wire company and toward industrial companies generally. The directors can hardly wish this, whatever the object of their course may be. Doubtless they desire public prosperity, and do not wish to encourage the idea that the company is managed with more care for speculation in its stock than for the good of the country, the lasting prosperity of business or the wellbeing of the multitude it employs. If so, they may with reason consider whether it is better to change their policy or to make known to the reasons for it. New York Tribune.

ONE OF THE INDUSTRIALS.

The stoppage of many of the mills controlled by the American Steel and Wire Company has not been wholly unexpected. Those who have observed the relations between cost of material and prices charged by this company for its products since Jan. 1 have frequently been led to the conclusion that, unless it was intended to rely for earnings and dividend's upon "scooping" the Street and the investing public, the policy of the company might be found mistaken. The highest price last year or this for steel billets was reached on November 1, when \$39 50 was quoted at Pittsburg, but only \$32 has recently been paid there. Bessemer pig reached \$25 on November 23, and though the association has been holding the Pittsburg quotation at \$21 90 Eastern Bessemer has been sold there considerably lower. Anthracite has declined from \$25 to \$23 here, and Southern pig is also lower. In spite of this tendency of material, the Steel and Wire company raised its price 25 cents for wire and nails at the beginning of the year, nearly 9 percent for smooth wire and nearly

WHAT HAS HAPPENED DURING THE WEEK

Items of General Interest from all parts of the state. A HORSE THIEF CAUGHT. A Cobalt Mine Uncovered in Eastern Oregon. Large quantities of Yellow Ocher also visible. The new Salem creamery last Saturday filled its first order for a carload of butter, 24,000 pounds. The supreme court convened at Pendleton on Monday last for a term of that tribunal in Eastern Oregon. A ledge of blue sandstone has been discovered at Lakeview, Oregon. It is pronounced first class for building. P. McIntosh's new cheese factory on the Wilson river, Tillamook county commenced manufacturing last week and is receiving 4000 lbs of milk daily. A Cobalt mine has been uncovered in Eastern Oregon. Cobalt in the market is worth \$1100 per ton. Large deposits of yellow ocher have also been found near the same place. Bear in King's Valley, Benton county are becoming troublesome. Over in the Long Tom neighborhood last week, a cow was caught and fatally injured by one of the beasts. A murderer and a horse thief who broke jail last week were captured by a sheriff's posse last Friday night near Canyon city. The fugitives made no resistance when they saw how it was. Stockmen tell us that at least 1000 yearlings and 2-year-olds will be driven out of this county within the next 30 days, which average the farmers \$17 per head, says the Tillamook Herald. It is understood that there is now on storage in the two mills about 125,000 bushels of last year's wheat, says the Corvallis Times which farmers on account of low price, have not sold. The notorious Hilda Hobson was reported in Eugene Thursday, in Albany Friday and in Salem Saturday soliciting dimes and nickels for the alleged purpose of paying her way in school. Honey creek in the northern part of Lake county is now one of the finest trout streams in the state. An enterprising citizen stocked the stream 10 years ago, and the supply now seems inexhaustible. The Prairie City hotel, long closed will soon be re-opened. It is said this house had made \$70,000 for one man during the first few years of its career when the camp was in its heyday of prosperity in placer-mining. The Columbia Southern Railway Company has made arrangements for the construction of a telegraph line from Biggs to Shaniko. The line will require 5000 poles and 175 miles of wire and will be completed within 60 days. The farmers of the Eight-Mile country, Morrow county are adding thousands of dollars to the value of their ranches by having good wells bored thereon. An abundant supply was recently struck in two wells one at 112 feet and the other at 124 feet. R. G. Simpson recently committed to the insane asylum from Heppner died last week from hemorrhage of the brain aged 74 years. He had lived at Albany, Linn county for many years. The Odd Fellows of Albany Ore., advertise an excursion for May 21 to Astoria. It is claimed that this is the longest excursion that the order in this state has ever projected. The round trip fare is \$3.00. W. N. Brown was in town Saturday night with a herd of 400 cattle, which were bought in the Susquehanna country for shipment to Montana, says the Condon Globe. He also received about 300 head in this place Saturday evening and will receive more at Arlington. His shipment will amount to about 1100 head of stock. The Columbia river valley railroad has been projected to run from Wallula to Vancouver, Washington. The line is to follow down the Columbia on the north side. Work was to have commenced this summer, but the protage railroad around the delta of the Columbia is in the way so that the larger scheme has to await the mandates of the courts. It seems that Paul Mohr for the portage road hurried along and got prior rights

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