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Champ Clark Speak

Omaha, Aug. 19.—Fully 1000 Douglas democrats, assisted by a delegation of about 300 members of the Jefferson club of Lancaster county, turned out today to attend the Jackson club picnic at Syndicate park. Many of the stalwarts were accompanied by their families and, with the outsiders who came to hear the speeches, they constituted a crowd of several thousand. Hon. W. J. Bryan accompanied the Lancaster county delegation.

Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri was the orator of the day. He declared the democratic platform of 1900 must be the same as that of 1896. Said he: "The people understand precisely what they want. They want the Chicago platform and they intend to have it unchanged, undiluted, unimpaired. They will break short off, as you can break a piece of glass, the necks of those who try to play them false. They are not in a frame of mind to be fooled with."

Mr. Clark declared the overshadowing issue of 1896 was the question of free coinage silver, and it will hold the position in 1900. Regarding the Philippine situation, he declared that President McKinley has no policy. He said:

"He is letting things drift and they are drifting to the duce. Mean time our soldiers are being killed, and dying in disease in shoals. For what purpose, will anybody undertake to say? I defy an expansionist to stand up and inform us what the president's policy is. But some say, and more's the pity and shame, some calling themselves democrats, 'The president is wrong but we must support the president.' To this it has come at last, that we must shut up our thinkers, close our mouths, and chloroform our consciences in order to be considered patriots."

"No, if the president is wrong, he should be made right. If he will not cease to do wrong, he should be bounced, as he will be so soon as the American people can get a crack at him. In the interim, congress should restrain him from further expenditure of American blood and American treasure, in his career of 'criminal aggression' for that is what he himself defined 'forcible annexation' to be.

"If he has not sufficient courage and fortitude and strength to resist pressure of the gamblers in human blood and liver, who are holding him on this evil and ruinous course the American people will find a president who has. His name, too is William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska."

Sheep Shooting.

Reports have reached this city that a band of sheep was fired into a few days ago on Bully creek and a number killed and wounded. It is also told that the sheepmen at the time were on or near the ranch of a settler, which caused the trouble. Considerable trouble has happened in that section of country this summer between sheepmen and the settlers. The reporter did not learn the name of the owner of the sheep fired into nor the amount of damage done, neither does the Eagle vouch for the truth of the rumor, but gives it for what it is worth.—Long Creek Eagle.

Borax Company's Office.

The Rose Valley (Oregon) Borax Company has rented the Kleishan's building, next door to J. A. Cochran's undertaking establishment, and will use it for an office. The business of the company will be carried on in the near future at that place.

It is stated that the company has an antimony mine near Big Creek, this county, and will soon

begin making shipments. It is expected that between ten and twelve carloads of antimony will be shipped from this place monthly.—Winnebaena Silver State.

Indian Legend.

One of the most interesting, and yet one of the least known, lakes on the Pacific Coast is Pyramid Lake in Nevada. It lies about thirty miles northeast of Reno, and about twenty north of the Central Pacific Railroad at Wadsworth, says the Pacific Bee. The lake is forty miles in length by ten in breadth—nearly twice as large as Lake Tahoe. The Truckee river, which is the outflow from Tahoe, discharges into Pyramid. The lake is about 6,000 feet above the sea level, and Pyramid is about 4,000.

Near the shore of the lake is a cave in which many human bones have been found. There is a tradition among the Indians that a band of Bannocks were once starved to death in this cavern, at a time when the Bannocks were at war with the Pah-Utes. Many Indian arrowheads of a kind unlike those used by the Pah-Utes, have been found among the bones, a fact which lends probability to the truth of the legend.

Improving Flocks.

Sheepmen are bent on improving their flocks, since there is a sign in the business horizon that wool is going to bring good money in the near future, says the Denver Stockman. There is a greater demand for fine bucks just now than there has been for years. It would not be surprising if some rangeman would not soon be adding a small flock of sheep to their holdings to run with the cattle. In west Texas some cattlemen have tried this and have found that sheep following the cattle are a positive benefit through keeping down the weeds, and some of the finest and best cattle ever marketed were taken from a pasture in which ran a large flock of sheep. Perhaps when the sheep business picks up a little more stockmen will realize these facts, and on almost every ranch there will be kept a large herd of sheep in addition to the cattle that graze upon a thousand hills.

Bought Timber Lands.

Portland, Or., Aug. 18.—It is stated that Henry Villard, the well known railroad magnate, and A. B. Hammond, president of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad and of the Corvallis and Eastern, have obtained immense tracts of timber lands in Tillamook county. During his visit here recently, Villard went over Hammond's lines and made a thorough investigation of the country. While nothing definite is known regarding the object of Villard's visit over these lines persistent rumors are afloat that he is working in the interest of some trans-continental line which intends to cross southern Idaho and reach Portland by way of the Corvallis & Eastern. The Burlington road is looking for an outlet to the coast and it is not improbable that Villard's investigations are in the interest of that road.

"Hail to the Second Oregon."

words by N. J. Judah and music by Z. M. Brown has been dedicated by two Salem men to Governor Geer and General Sumners. Money derived from the sale of the song will be donated to the volunteer's monument fund.

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Russian Thistle Here.

The killing of alfalfa meadows last winter by the February freezing created an abnormal demand for seed for resewing and the local supply which has ordinarily been sufficient for all demands were soon exhausted. To supply the trade merchants had to order from points far distant and the result is revealing that some of the seed brought in was foul with Russian thistle, as that dreaded weed is beginning to appear in considerable quantity in some of the meadows that were re-sown.

A gentleman who is thoroughly acquainted with this weed, having had large experience with it in Dakota where its seed was brought in by Russian immigrants and sown for stock feed, has kindly brought to this office a well developed specimen of the plant, and as the mission of the Mattock is to conserve the interests of the people we hasten to notify them of its presence in these valleys.

It grows much like the tumble weed only more upright and when mature breaks from its root at top of ground and like the tumble weed is rolled about by the wind and thus distributes its seed over a great area of country. Fortunately the sagebrush here will obstruct its travels and thus greatly curtail its spreading. It has a needle leaf like the pine, resembles the tomato plant in color and when young is readily eaten by stock. Our informant says it requires little or no water and will grow wherever sagebrush will thrive. When ripe the leaves have points as sharp as needles, are woody and tough and as dangerous to tackle as enraged porcupine. Those interested in the matter are invited to call and examine the specimen of the thistle in this office.—Ontario Mattock.

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From the Canyon News.

W. J. Coleman has gone to Burns on business.

Frank Metchan is on the sick list, at his home in Silvis valley.

Mrs. J. W. Ashford is rustling at the Warm Springs for a few days.

Miss Mayme Cord has returned from a pleasant outing at the springs.

C. E. Kenyon and wife, of Burns, were in town several days last week. Mr. Kenyon is secretary of the L. F. Co., at Burns.

Leon Brown a prominent business man of Burns was in our town last week on business. Mr. Brown is on his way home from Portland.

J. W. Biggs came down from the springs last Saturday and took his departure on the Heppner stage for Portland to be in attendance at the District Court next week.

E. L. Stratton and wife of Seneca were in town last week. Mr. Stratton was engaged in taking a teacher's examination. She secured first grade certificate.

Additional Locals.

Albert Ward was circulating among his friends in Burns last Saturday.

The favorite with thoughtful, cultured people—The Oregonian.

Miss Florence Lewis, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. E. Trisch since the Fourth, left for Canyon on Thursday's stage.

The Weekly Oregonian and this paper give you all the news of home, state, the Northwest and the nation.

The new stone cellar of H. M. Horton has been completed and is one of the finest structures of the kind in the county. Harry Smith the mason, will now put his whole force on the new brick building of C. H. Voegtly and push it to completion.

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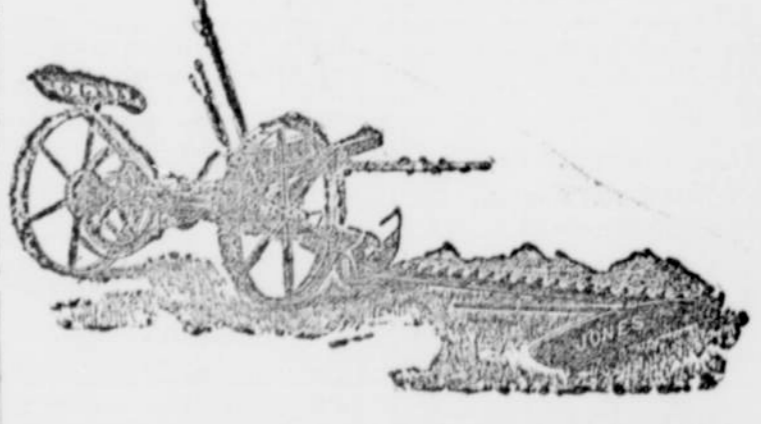
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