

Democratic Ticket.

President, ROVER CLEVELAND.

Vice President, A. E. STEVENSON.

Presidential Electors—

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Reform Journal again makes appearance this week. The editor makes us to task for not changing official directory. We acknowledge our thoughtlessness in matter and next week will make the necessary corrections; us to say that it was a case of forgetfulness and not done to insult any county official. We assure our county officers will accept our apology as we willingly acknowledge our error, an error in here is really no excuse for just simply an oversight.

It was President Garfield's protection:

It is a properly adjusted relation between home and foreign products is the best gauge by which to regulate international duties. Duties should be so high that manufacturers can fairly compete with the foreign product, but not high as to enable them to get out the foreign article, enjoy monopoly of the trade and regulate prices as they please. This is the doctrine of protection. If we pursue this line of policy, we shall year by year approach more nearly to the basis of trade, because we shall be more able to compete with other nations on equal terms. I am for protection which leads to ultimate trade.

The republican leaders of recent years, leagued with monopolistic millionaires, have made this doctrine. They are coming from "the basis of free trade." They are for a protection that makes a thousand millionaires and masters, and a million more poor and weak.

The people's party of this county at least the leaders are talking "fusion" that is, one-sided fusion. They are trying to get the democratic party to support Weaver and if possible to get the state for him which they will be a democratic victory. These advocates of such a move are anxious for a victory for Cleveland. Why not vote with the democratic party and give the four electoral votes of Oregon directly to Cleveland?

We certainly think the democratic alliance of this county have the right to fuse with us when the fact is taken into consideration the unanimous approval of the people of this county of Cleveland's administration when President Cleveland was elected. Irrespective of party there is a general opinion, especially among the settlers, favoring the 4 years of democratic rule. Nearly everyone with whom we would converse on this subject

would express himself as entirely satisfied with Cleveland and the effort made by the party in the direction of reform.

It was an every day occurrence to hear men express themselves as being altogether satisfied with the course pursued by President Cleveland, and that his position and stand taken upon all important questions proved him to be emphatically the friend of the people, and entirely opposed to class legislation. These being the facts in the case we ask, how is it possible for the democratic party of this county to vote the people's party ticket for president? We reiterate that the democratic party is the honest reform party and if encouraged and aided by the people will accomplish all necessary reforms so earnestly desired and adequate to a healthy and impartial administration of our government.

THE STREET RUMOR on the tapis at this time, to throw dirt and if possible do an injury to the democratic party, is the matter of the county court deciding it lawful and proper to receive of the Willamette and Cascade Mountain Road Company, half the taxes assessed to that company, as equalized by the county board, in script. Two of the board, democrats, voted to receive the script, the other a republican member, voting nay. The question was just simply one of two things, accept our offer or stand a law suit, or to express it in other words—the Road Co.—were willing before the taxes became delinquent to pay our taxes as equalized by the county board, and so directed our agent, J. Durkheimer, in the matter. The raise made by the State Board of Equalization and decided by the courts of the state to be unjust and unconstitutional, we never signified our willingness to pay.

Now we still offer to pay the taxes we justly owe with the same privilege granted all tax-payers of the county at the time we first offered to pay the same. Harney county can accept the offer or bring suit upon the question of the legality of paying a part of the tax in script. Remember the county does not lose one millionth part of a farthing in accepting the script; now taking these facts into consideration what is the decision of our readers. The county losing nothing and to avoid litigation allowed the payment to be made as already stated. No reasonable thinking minded man in view of the facts can object to the action of the commissioners. Whether or not the Road Co. or J. Durkheimer made money by the operation does not enter into the facts as to the legality of the transaction. What the taxpayer wants to understand is, did the county lose anything by receiving the script? We answer truthfully and emphatically the county loses nothing.

We do not condemn Commissioner Sitz for his action in voting in the negative; just because he is a republican, we could with the same propriety declare that his vote was a declaration of his willingness to throw upon the tax-payers of the county an additional cost for collecting this tax. We believe Mr. Sitz acted conscientiously in the matter and voted according to his honest feelings, and we hope the Herald will never condemn an

action of a county official it matters not to what party he belongs, without facts and evidence to back it. It is clearly a demonstration of the fact that the leaders of the farmers alliance or peoples party spring these questions for no other purpose than that of injuring the democratic party in our county and we sincerely hope the democracy of Harney county will soon see the drift of this move and use every effort to consign it to the archives of oblivion where it properly belongs.

History tells us that the average weight of fat steers at the age of 5 years, in the London and Liverpool markets, in 1706, was 310 pounds. In 1775 it had increased to 482, and in 1830 to 650, while to day the average weight is 1250 pounds, or four times what it was 184 years ago. This, no doubt, is because Eastern Oregon fat steers have only recently entered the London and Liverpool markets.—County News.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL PLATFORM.

THE LAND QUESTION.

The republican party, while professing a policy of reserving public land for small holdings by actual settlers, has given away the people's heritage, till now a few railroads and non resident aliens, individual and incorporate, possess a larger area than that of all the farms between the two seas. The last democratic administration reversed the improvident and unwise policy of the republican party touching the public domain, and reclaimed it from corporations and syndicates, alien and domestic, and restored to the people nearly 100,000,000 acres of valuable land, to be sacredly held as homesteads for our citizens and we pledge ourselves to continue this policy until every acre of land so unlawfully held shall be reclaimed and restored to the people.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

We denounce the republican legislation known as the Sherman act of 1890 as a cowardly makeshift fraught with the possibilities of danger in the future, which should make all its supporters, as well as author, anxious for a speedy repeal. We hold to the use of both gold and silver as the standard money of the country, and to the coinage of both gold and silver without discrimination against either metal or charge for mintage, but the dollar unit on the coinage of both metals must be of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value, or adjusted through international agreement, or by such safe guards if legislation as shall insure the maintenance of the parity of the two metals, and the equal power of every dollar at all times in the mints and in payment of debts, and we demand that paper currency be kept at par with and redeemable in such coin. We insist upon this policy as especially necessary for the protection of farmers and the laboring classes, the first and most defenseless victims of unstable money and fluctuating currency.

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