

The Herald.

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C. BYRD — — — — — Editor.

The Democratic Ticket.

President,
GROVER CLEVELAND.
Vice President,
A. E. STEVENSON.
Presidential Electors—
R. A. MILLER,
W. L. COLVIG,
M. NOLAND,
W. F. BUTCHER.

The Reform Journal in its issue of the 6th inst., in an article commencing with July term of commission court, gets along nicely until it reaches the subject of the county and receiving county script from the Road Co., in part payment of taxes. He says Commissioner Sitz posed the measure, and gives the following as entered on the journal week after the action was taken: "I approve all of to day's proceedings except in the matter of the William Valley and Cascade Mountain Road Co., wherein the other members of this court advised the sheriff to accept county warrants in payment of the county tax of said company."

"My reason for not concurring in the same, is that I do not think that this court should take any action in the matter, as the law is very plain as to the duty of the sheriff in not accepting county warrants in payment of delinquent taxes."

The Journal then says it publishes these matters because it wishes to give the news, and further states a newspaper not publishing such news for fear of injuring its party does not deserve public patronage. The wise editor undoubtedly intends this as a side swipe at the Herald.

But in answer to the insinuation the Herald says that it did publish the facts just as Mr. Journal says it and the Journal knows it. The Herald has refrained from saying anything derogatory to the actions of Commissioner Sitz and will would have remained silent if the Journal had not brought out its course in bold relief as the intemperance of perfection and righteous honesty and as being the only hopes of the people in this trying rule of democratic corruption. When the matter of taking a part of the Road Co's. tax in script, was brought before the board for consideration it was decided to take the script without a dissenting voice.

Sheriff Cowing who was present asked if it was the decision of the court to take part payment in script for. Altnow replied it was, Mr. Sitz and Judge Miller being present at the time and no objection being made by either of them which is conclusive evidence that they agreed at that time, and had the journal been approved upon that day undoubtedly no objections could have been entered upon the journal, but this part of the work was not done until time for adjournment on Saturday evening, when it seems that something had been brought to bear on the mind of Commissioner Sitz, causing him to change his opinion and hence the disapproval as entered on the journal. It might have transpired, in the course of human events, in the intervening he was told by his peoples party followers that the

action, although lawful and just, was an opening, if he would disapprove, would be a kick at the democratic part of the board and a feather in the cap of the peoples party "git up."

The peoples party must have something to work on for without food the party would starve. Ex-Sheriff Cowing has a letter written by the attorneys for the Road Company stating having seen their delinquent tax list advertised in the EAST OREGON HERALD and stating the decision of the state court regarding the equalization made by the state board and stating their willingness to pay all taxes as equalized by the county board and his per cent for collecting, but did not offer to pay for publishing the delinquent tax-list. But the Journal said it was wrong for Sheriff Cowing to receive the coin as tendered to him by the Road Company, but the most proper thing for him to have done was to write the Company to keep their money and the county would pay him in warrants. This letter is in the possession of Mr. Cowing and all persons desiring can see it.

The Journal further states that the Herald did not want this matter discussed for fear of injuring the democratic party, the Herald has no recollection of making any such remark, but to the contrary, it has often published a willingness to bring any matter before the public as entered on the county records, that would be injurious to our citizens or detrimental to the interest of the well being of the county. And the Herald still takes the same position. Examine the records if you find anything injurious recorded there, any discrepancy, any useless expenditure of the county funds, report the same to this paper and the public will certainly get the information.

The useless expenditure of county script for postage stamps spoken of by the Journal, stamps and stationery, are bought by the county clerk and enough at one time to last for one year. These stamps and stationery are distributed by the clerk to officers who are entitled to receive them as they want them. And the clerk cannot pay cash for them, unless he pays it out of his pocket, but is required to buy with county warrants.

The Journal only gets its foot into it deeper every time it attacks the democratic party, and its howl of dissatisfaction will only convince many citizens, who now think well of the people's move to drop the thing as they would a rotten egg.

The Journal advises the settlers at the narrows not to sign a petition for an immediate survey of the land, because if they do the land fiends, the cattle companies, the few persons in Burns who have taken up claims, and it says for no other purpose than that of proving up and selling to the cattle men. This is a slick way the Journal has of currying favor with the people of the Narrows. If the swamp land fiends desired so very much the possession of that country, could not they petition and have it surveyed, and if the swamp land fiends, as it intimates, are likely to lay any claim to that land will they not have the same right and privilege five years from this time as now? In five years it will only be the better improved and the more desirable. We do not advise the citizens of that part of our county to do anything that would work a hardship upon them, but one thing we do believe and that is

if the swamp land fiends wanted to lay claim to that land they could have it surveyed at any time.

We have been told, but cannot state as to the truth of the information, that a swamp land claimant living in California, claims land under the swamp act, the land lying some two or three miles east of the claim of Simon Lewis, and that this claimant is likely to make the effort to hold the land to the water line.

But the Journal is going to see to it that these "little fellows" living in town shall be knocked out of their little speculation. The Journal is not pigish or selfish in its wants and opinions but its great big heart and desire to hug the whole of mankind might lead it to commit an error, perhaps some of these town men may really desire to take these claims to make a home and it might work a hardship on such, still it seems impossible in all cases to have the cloak of charity envelope every box of flowers some must be exposed to the frost.

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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