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The Democratic Ticket.

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

WE ARE in receipt of a long letter from Hon. D. R. Murphy, chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee, concerning the present presidential campaign. This letter is very encouraging for democracy, and especially is this information reliable, coming from the best posted—that is politically—man of the party, in this state Chairman Murphy is an indefatigable worker and backed by others who are as earnestly engaged in the work as himself we believe democracy will receive such a "boost" this fall in Oregon as never before in the history of the state. He says:

"I am pleased to state that the chances for democratic success in Oregon never looked better. I am in receipt of encouraging news from all parts of the state and here in Multnomah the hot bed of Republicanism, we have a surprise in store for our friends the enemy. We are united—the republicans dissatisfied and disorganized. I have yet to find a democrat here who is going to vote against Cleveland, and I know of some two hundred republicans of standing in the community who are out openly for our ticket.

Two Cleveland clubs composed exclusively of republicans have been formed in the last ten days here, and another club of the same nature will be organized this week. If the democrats will only vote and work for their ticket there is no doubt of our carrying the state. The greatest difficulty that we encounter is in satisfying democrats that we have a chance of success; they look upon the 8,000 majority opposed to us as insurmountable, and some are inclined to the belief that the party would be best subserved by voting for Weaver. The parties advancing this proposition are somewhat removed from business centers and have not the opportunity of seeing the mercantile classes irrespective of party, denouncing the iniquities of the McKinley Bill and declaring for Cleveland.

Again that element in the republican party that condemned ring rule and by their votes unseated their party in this county are justly indignant at the action of Mr. Harrison in appointing James Lotan Collector of customs on account thereof a few will vote with us, the balance will take no part in the campaign and would quietly rejoice at the defeat of their candidate.

Concluding let me say that Multnomah and Clatsop the banner republican counties of the state, will go democratic and if our friends in the interior will do their duty and not chase after new Gods

or false prophets, Oregon will cast her electoral vote for Cleveland without doubt."

Now Harney county is democratic, and it would be a shame and disgrace to the party in the county and to every member claiming democratic principles to vote the Weaver ticket having as an excuse—for such inexcusable conduct—that a vote for Weaver in Oregon is equivalent to a vote for Cleveland. If we are democrats let us stand by our colors back our principles and if success crowns our effort we will be very proud of our victory if we should fail we have nothing to lash ourselves for having done our duty as true and loyal men of principle.

Mr. Harrison's letter of acceptance was a very decided innovation in that line. It breaks all precedents and instead of being a letter of acceptance pure and simple, it is in addition, a carefully and skillfully prepared lawyer's plea for the republican party in general and the Harrison administration in particular, and like other able lawyers' pleas it is liable to impose on those who are not familiar, and who will not take the trouble to familiarize themselves with the other side. It shows, too, that the stories which have from time to time been told of Mr. Harrison's intention to individually boss the republican side of the campaign were all founded on the solid truth. The intention has become a fact, and to-day Mr Harrison is the acknowledged boss of the republican National committee, which is conducting the campaign according to his orders. It is known that the publication of the letter of acceptance was directly against the wishes of Chairman Carter and a number of the working members of the committee; they wanted it held back at least a month, but boss Benjamin ordered it given out, and given out it was.

Mr. Blaine's letter, made public the day after that of Mr. Harrison, fell like a wet blanket upon the candidate's pronouncements. It nullified about half of Mr. Harrison's letter by advising the republicans to ignore all issues, except three, in the campaign, and worse than all, for Benjamin the great—in his own estimation—it nowhere mentioned Mr. Harrison's name. No republican has a doubt about this slight to the head of the republican ticket being deliberate and intentional on the part of Mr. Blaine. It is a slight, too, that Mr. Harrison dare not resent at this time; but you may be sure that he will try to "get even" after the election, whichever way it goes by jumping on Blaine republicans wherever he finds them.

REPRESENTATIVE Catchings, of Mississippi, says the democrats will not lose a single electoral vote

in the South, and that the people's party will not have as many members in the next as they have in the present House. He figures on a democratic majority of between forty and fifty in the next House.

Simply Improbable.

Judge Duffy—You say you are innocent. What then, were you doing with the watch if you didn't intend to steal it?

Sam Johnson—I jest wanted ter wind it up for him. Dat's de solemn troof. I cant tell a lie ef I wus ter try for a week.—Texas Siftings.

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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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