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OUR BOW TO THE PUBLIC.

In response to a widespread desire for it, the LEADER makes its bow, and will state its purposes and policy. It will support the principles of the Republican party, standing unequivocally upon the St. Louis platform, upholding protection and the maintenance of the present gold standard, as being the only safe and honest financial policy.

Realizing that thorough party organization is necessary to the furtherance of party principles, but refusing to be dictated to by any so-called "party boss," we shall render faithful allegiance to, and work for the success of the Republican party in our county and state.

Moro, our home, shall receive proper attention, but realizing that no section of our county can suffer without affecting to a greater or less extent all other parts, we shall labor zealously for the good of Sherman county, and every portion thereof, hoping thereby to benefit Moro. With this purpose in view, we cordially invite correspondence from every locality desiring to be represented in our columns.

In return for the liberal patronage which we expect from the people of Sherman county, we hope to furnish them a paper that will publish all the legitimate news of this county, without unfair discrimination, and that will stand undiminished for principle in politics as in all other things.

This is an age of conquest, not by war, but by commerce. Witness the great efforts being put forth by England to keep open the markets of China, and the radical action of Germany in excluding American products, notably her recent effort to exclude fresh fruits. But while these European nations are trying to increase their own trade and industry, the one by opening all markets, and keeping them open so far as possible, and the other by closing her own markets to certain nations or products, the United States goes steadily onward conquering by the sheer force of the excellence of her products sent abroad, and herein lies our most effective weapon, the surest way to conquer the world's markets. Only by putting forth intelligent and honest efforts to produce, and send abroad better goods and produce than can be marshaled against them in foreign countries, can we expect to get and maintain an extensive foreign market. Secretary Wilson is to be praised for his efforts in that direction, and his advice should be heeded by all, the producer and the exporter.

There are wars and rumors of wars, principally the latter, yet it behooves the United States to be prepared to defend herself, for the best way to insure peace is to be so strong that we will be feared and our rights respected.

The immigration problem is one of the front, and the future of the nation depends upon it.

SHERMAN COUNTY VERSUS KLONDIKE.

The rush to Klondike will cause many a man to start for that wonderful region of ice and gold, leaving perhaps his home in the east, where he has never had an opportunity to test his capabilities. He will, upon arriving on the Pacific coast, see so many chances for a man with energy and push to identify himself with the people of this coast, that he will at once wish to see more of the natural, and to him, wonderful resources of our country. Perhaps upon arriving in Portland he may be obliged to wait for transportation; and while waiting may begin to think of the family and friends he has left behind, of the distance he is already from home, and the still greater distance when he shall eventually land in Klondike. He will say to himself perhaps, that do what I may, I do not stand much chance of ever getting home again with a competency. He has the best good of his family at heart, and the sober second thought, which he has time to take, while waiting for a berth on board an Alaska steamer, together with the evidence of prosperity he is bound to see all around him, will most likely cause him to think about as follows: I have left my home and family to go to Alaska because I desire to make more money than I ever expect to make in the east. I am aware that only the desire to better my condition financially has caused me to start on this long and expensive journey. I shall have to be gone for months, perhaps years, much farther from home and loved ones than I am now, so far and to such a difficult country to travel in and send mail, that it may take weeks or months to get news to or from home. In the mean time my chances of success there are as much like the chances of the average patron of the green cloth tables of Monte Carlo, i.e., very uncertain of success but rather too certain of failure.

Would it not be better for me to stop where I am and begin to prepare a home in this land where none need go hungry or cold if only they work; where civilization has already made its home; where the church and the school house are to be seen on every hand, where nature has done so much, and the opportunities for man to do as so many.

The result will be in a great many instances that the intending gold-seeker will seek no farther; he will decide to stop and seek for a place wherein to engage in one or more of the many industries of Oregon which he sees on every hand; industries, some of which are but in their infancy, yet are sure to be in the prime of vigor and money-making capacity. To such men we extend a cordial invitation to come into Sherman county, the biggest little county in the state; the county where there is not now, nor has there been for some time but one person dependent upon the county for support; where, in 1897, more than 800 bushels of wheat was raised for each man, woman and child living therein; where fruit-growing is rapidly proving a success, and where any one with very little money and a good share of pluck and energy can, without doubt, in a short time place himself and family on the sure road to prosperity. A word to the wise is sufficient. "Come early and avoid the rush."

A NEW RAILROAD.

We are pleased to note the incorporation of The Dalles, Deschutes and Dufur R. R. Co. by E. E. Lytle, D. C. O'Reilly, and W. H. Moore. The new road will start from the Dalles, the head of navigation on the Columbia at present, and probably, for many years to come, and run into Sherman county, tapping the C. S. Ry. in or near Biggs canyon, thus giving us competing lines of transportation for our wheat to Portland. This means many thousands of dollars saved to Sherman county annually. We wish the new venture God speed.

There are a few country papers leveling their guns at the Oregonian, thinking, no doubt, that their efforts will compel that journal to cease from troubling them with its opinions on the money question. While we do not always endorse the way the Oregonian treats men who may have different ideas on money, from it, still there is no question but its position is on the right side. There are but two sides to the question of maintaining the present gold standard, one is right, the other is wrong. The Oregonian advocates the right side, and chooses to do so in its own way. Others must concede that it has a right to do so, or admit they have no right to their own way of advocating principles they believe in.

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JUSTICE DISTRICTS.

At the January term of the County Court the following order was made, same to go into effect from and after the general election in June, 1898.

District No. 1 shall be composed of the territory now embraced in Grant election precinct.

District No. 2 shall be composed of the territory now embraced in Wasco and Bigelow election precinct, and said Bigelow justice of the peace precinct is hereby abolished for judicial purposes from and after the general election for 1898.

District No. 3 shall be composed of the territory now embraced in Moro and Monkland election precincts, and said Monkland justice of the peace precinct is hereby abolished for judicial purposes from and after the general election for 1898.

District No. 4 shall be composed of the territory now embraced in Grass Valley, Rutledge and Kent election precincts, and each of said Rutledge and Kent justice of the peace precincts is hereby abolished for judicial purposes from and after the general election for 1898.

And it is further ordered that immediately upon the expiration of the terms of office of the present justices and constables of the said Bigelow, Monkland, Rutledge and Kent precincts, such officers shall forthwith deliver all books, records, papers and other property pertaining to their respective offices, to the county clerk of Sherman county, Oregon, taking his receipt therefor; and such clerk shall forthwith deliver the same to the justice of the proper district entitled to the possession thereof.

And it is further ordered that any and all cases pending in any of the justice courts hereinbefore abolished, at the date when this order shall take effect, shall be disposed of and proceeded to find determination before the justice who originally acquired jurisdiction thereof.

The following extracts are well worth careful reading. They are taken from a speech of Hon. Nelson Dingley made in congress, Jan. 31, 1898 on a resolution offered concerning payment of bonds in silver: No one denies that this or any other nation has the power to pay in full or in part or none of its obligations in gold, or silver, or paper, or copper, according to its pleasure. Payment can not be enforced against a sovereign nation. Its obligations are measured by its own sense of honor and good faith.

But even if this sense of honor is at any time blunted, as was Shylock's, by dwelling on a narrow view of the letter rather than the spirit of the obligation, the intelligent selfishness of a nation, which is to live not simply for a generation but for centuries, ought to lead it—and wherever a nation is wisely governed, does lead it—to so scrupulously maintain its pledges in both letter and spirit as to preserve its credit untarnished, and thereby not only make it possible to borrow at the lowest rate of interest, but also to make it easy to obtain loans in exigencies, which are sure, sooner or later, to come to every nation. A nation's honor and credit, I may say to gentlemen on the other side who applauded so jubilantly when the pending resolution was brought into this hall, are among its most priceless possessions—aye, its title deed to permanence and prosperity.

More than three-fourths of the outstanding bonds were as a matter of fact issued and sold after 1873, when the silver dollar was dropped from the list of coins. Now, in view of these facts, after the government has sold all its bonds for gold, after it has paid all its matured bonds in gold or its equivalent for so many years without deviation, after the law providing for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 has been repealed for twenty-five years, would it be good faith for congress, now that silver has so greatly depreciated, to restore its free and unlimited coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 when the market ratio is 33 to 1, and then use such dollars to pay the bonds which we had sold for gold under such circumstances? I do not think it would.

Human beings are very much like sheep, they often rush one after another in the most thoughtless manner. The above is proven in the present mad rush to Klondike. Many start for that faraway land of uncertainty and ice not stopping to count the cost, either in dollars or cents or in bodily comforts, or rather discomforts. 'Tis true many have a vague idea that hardships are before them, and try to prepare for them. It is reported that in Portland several such are endeavoring to "toughen" themselves for the trip before them.

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HORTICULTURE SOCIETY.

The Sherman County Horticultural Society met in Moro Saturday, Feb. 12th, with only a few members present, but the small attendance was not allowed to dampen the ardor of these present. Earnestness, and a full faith in the future success of horticulture and floriculture in this county, was the keynote in the remarks of all taking part. The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 12th, 2 o'clock P. M., and we hope to see a large and enthusiastic meeting. Sherman county has the climate, the soil, and the people to make the raising of fruit, small fruit, flowers, etc., a profitable industry. All that is needed is for the people to meet together at stated intervals, exchange ideas, and knowledge gained, and then encourage one another and stimulate a healthy desire to improve and excel. Already has the possibility of fruit raising on our uplands been proven a success by a few, and what one has done another can do. Come out the next meeting every one of you who have a spot of ground large enough to plant a tree or a flower on, and make a success of the society.

CUBAN RELIEF.

The present is full of anxiety, and the future is uncertainty as to the condition of the poor starving people in Cuba. All over our country has the beneficent hand of Providence scattered the sunshine of prosperity and plenty, for which the people of the United States should be, and undoubtedly are, grateful. A very good way to show that gratitude, and a practical one which is to contribute freely to the fund being raised throughout the country for the succor of needy Cubans. The people of this state, and particularly of Sherman county, are in much better condition to aid this noble cause than when called upon to help the drought sufferers of western Nebraska, a few years ago, at which time they responded to the call so promptly and freely. Contributions of money and wheat are especially called for. Money may be delivered to Mrs. Wm. Barnett, at Wasco, who is chairman of the relief committee there, and wheat at Barnett's warehouse.

Since the above was written arrangements have been made for receiving any money or clothing here by Mrs. Dora Williams, and wheat by M. M. Co. and F. H. Meader & Co., who will forward the same. All contributions should be delivered at once as the time is limited.

By permission of Mrs. Williams we publish the following letter, which explains itself:

PORTLAND, OR., Feb. 24, 1898.

Dear Mrs. Williams: I assure you that the Central Cuban Relief Committee appreciate very highly your efforts in behalf of the suffering people for whom we are raising our funds, and it gives me pleasure to announce to you that we shall forward from Portland within a few days five full car loads of supplies, and we expect within the next two weeks to send five more if the donations from the interior cities turn out to be anywhere near what is promised. I am in hopes that the effort in Sherman county will prove successful, as no greater need of charity ever existed.

Very truly yours,

H. R. Lewis,

Sec. Cuban Relief Committee.

Thank all the subscribers (and especially the children) for us.

The LEADER is in no sense an opposition paper. Its mission is hardly so narrow as that. It has higher and better work to do. Its columns will not be used as a channel through which to vent the editor's personal dislikes and prejudices. It will aim rather to deal impartially with all persons and localities. Its local editor is not afraid to get out and learn what is transpiring outside of the office, and whatever its shortcomings may be, laziness will not be one of them.

Sherman county has been, and still is, the banner wheat county of the state for its size and population, and her future is full of promise of taking a leading part in proving that other than wheat-raising can and will be profitable on Eastern Oregon bunch grass land. Already favorable notice has been taken of our fruit industry, although it is as yet in its infancy.

"Sir," said the gilded youth to his tailor, "I would like to get another suit. I am paying attention to one of the richest girls."

"Paying attention, hey?" said the tailor, scornfully. "Well if you are as slow paying them as you are paying me, your wedding will be chronicled as 'another Octogonarian Married.'—Puck.

Secretary of the navy—"What is your pleasure, ladies?"

Spokeswoman—"I—er—believe you call a man-of-war 'she,' don't you?"

Secretary of the navy—"Yes, madam."

Spokeswoman—"Well, then, we demand that you call her a woman-of-war."—Judge.

SOMEBODY READS IT ALL.

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Forty pages every week, Eight long columns to the page; To read everything would add A full twelvemonth to your age. So each reads his special part, Then he lets the paper fall. Pity for him who reads the proofs, For he has to read it all.

—The Philadelphia.

Modern Definitions.

In the hurly-burly of every-day business, men are not always prepared to answer a fool according to his folly, and hence the latter often departs under the impression that he is the wise man and you the other one. This is offered as a reason for "Lunar Caustic," a recent book. Here is a part of its vocabulary:

Art—A plagiarism on nature.

Ass—A man who can deny more than he can prove.

Ancient—Something that existed last week.

Benefactor—An enemy to be shunned after accepting his favors.

Bore—A friend in distress.

Business—Everybody else's affairs.

Charity—Ten cents for the poor, and ninety cents salary, expenses and commission for collecting the dollar.

Congress—A "trust" in public contracts.

Correction—Making an error more apparent.

Discovery—Anything found out.

Divorce—Modern interpretation of Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Excuse—A confession of guilt.

Financier—A man who has failed in business.

Friend—The man who borrows your money and forgets to return it.

Fool—Always the other fellow.

Guide—A person who leads you astray.

Heredity—The transmigration of the results of high living; also a reason given by physicians and psychologists when they cannot find any other reason.

Honesty—Successful dealing of any kind. When unsuccessful it is the opposite.

Humanity—Tears shed over the sufferings of people a thousand miles away.

Innocence—Presumption of guilt.

Integrity—(Obsolete).

Idiot—What is the matter with you?

Law—The will of the people expressed by them in legislation; set aside by them in the courts; ridiculed by them in juries, and violated by them at all times.

Labor Agitator—A gentleman who advises others not to work.

Lie—A synonym for "truth."

Detroit Free Press.

A Mother's Love.

There is a beautiful old legend that at creation's dawn an angel came down to earth seeking something to take back to heaven. It returned with a bouquet of flowers, a baby's smile, and a mother's love. When it reached the pearly gates of paradise again, the flowers had withered, but the baby's smile and mother's love was found to be as pure and eternal as the waters that flowed by the heavenly throne; and all the angels exclaimed, "There is nothing on earth pure enough for heaven but a mother's love." What a sublime thought and holy moral this old legend teaches to mortal creatures. We would recommend the memorizing of such beautiful thoughts so beautifully clothed in language, for as a man thinketh, so is he. Out of thoughts come the issues of life. Keep the mind full of beautiful pictures, and there will be no room for licentious ones. Wickleness cannot find a home in the heart when it is full of mother love. It is during forgetful hours, when parental love is pushed aside, that evil deeds are done.—The Intellectual Elevator.

"Well?" said the assistant in a chemist's shop to an Irishman who pointed to a pile of soap.

"I want a lump of that," answered the Irishman.

"Thank you. Will you have it scented or unscented?"

"I'll take it widd me."—The Household.

Mr. Sububb—"Where on earth is our hired man? I can't find him anywhere."

Mrs. Sububb—"There is somebody over in Farmer Hayseed's meadow, but I can't tell whether it's our man or not."

Mr. Sububb—"Is he standing up or sitting down?"

Mrs. Sububb—"Standing."

Mr. Sububb—"It isn't our man."

—New York Weekly.

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