

A Platform Maker.

There is just one thing in the way of the Oregonian's effort to establish the issues upon which the coming presidential campaign is to be fought, and that is that it has no authority from any source to do so.

It says: "The real issues are three: (1) Are we to maintain the gold standard? (2) Are we to retain the Philippines islands? (3) Are we to maintain law and order at home."

Well now, the Democrat will not attempt dogmatically or otherwise, to lay down the issues that shall be the great bone of contention between the parties in the coming campaign, but will negatively suggest that, may be they will not be just what the Oregonian has ordained they shall be.

It matters not how interesting or how important the question of crushing out silver may be, it will not be the leading question. The country can survive the death of silver for awhile but the people can never recover from the death of the republic and the rearing on the ruins of an empire. This will be the great vital issue, the intense burning question of the hour.

Fifty times will this be heard at the hustings when silver will be heard once. The life of the republic is involved, and consequently that freedom vouchsafed to us by our forefathers whose precious blood was cheerfully sacrificed to establish the fundamental principles of free government so plainly and methodically stated in the declaration of independence and the constitution of the United States. No doubt it would be a pleasing thought to republican leaders if they could divest themselves of the responsibility of meeting so grave an issue.

But in all equity, they should not hesitate to set aside their own creation. It is very clear now that the great mass of the republican party feel that they have been led unawares into this imperial trap by their leaders, and they (the leaders) seeing the discontent of their followers, would gladly shake off the grave responsibility of meeting such an unpopular issue.

It would really be wise for these leaders to retreat from this dangerous position, but the greed of commercialism, backed by the trusts of the country (who are the rulers of McKinley) will not permit it, and hence they must push on. Soon we will be engulfed in the turmoil, strife, war, international war, now smoldering in the diplomatic volcanoes of the Orient. Then will come large standing armies, higher taxation, more power for McKinley and less liberty for the people until we shall repeat the example of the republic of Rome. This is the great leading issue which the rulers of McKinley (Commercial and the Trusts) have fastened upon the country and the Oregonian.

Coming to the third issue asserted by the Oregonian, viz: "Are we to maintain and enforce law and order at home?" There is nothing left but to denounce the author as a slanderer of half the people of the United States. On the subject of obedience to constituted authority in the United States, there can be but one issue in this campaign, and that is, shall the republican administration be called to account for its open violation of the laws of the United States imposing duties on imports from Porto Rico, for its concealed scheme of governing the Philippines and Porto Rico in utter disregard of the constitution. That paper, without the least regard for truth, declares that the Chicago platform is a pledge to rioters and destroyers of property, of support, protection and immunity. This shows the utter weakness of the cause it is designed to promote. With a candidate for president, so weak and vacillating as the Oregonian declares McKinley to be, his position must be very humiliating in view of the fact that it is compelled to resort to such misrepresentations to promote his election. Nevertheless, most every body seems to have arrived at the conclusion that the Oregonian would support a villain if regularly placed on the republican ticket against any honest man regularly placed upon the democratic ticket.

We are told in the republican platform that the administration has acted wisely in its effort to secure for public service in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines only those whose fitness has been determined by training and experience. Rathbone and Neeley had fitness with a vengeance, swindling the government of more than \$100,000. If these men are the fit men for service, the leaders will want no more fit men sent among them.

The republicans in the national platform allege that the circulation of money per capita was never so great as it is today and assume for themselves the credit for having made it so. If it be true, they are not entitled to any credit for this increase. The only increase comes from the extraordinary increase in the production of gold during the last three years.

The old court houses in Lane and Polk counties were almost exactly the same. The new court houses are ditto except the Lane building is the larger.

Sharp Points.

Issues! Plenty of them! The Republican Congress alone furnished enough. Its assumption of unconstitutional powers, its extravagance, its green-goods anti trust resolution, its refusal to reduce war taxes—these and others will furnish plenty of texts for telling speeches.

About as shameless a proceeding as ever occurred was the attempt of the Republican Congressional Committee to assess the employees of Congress for one-half of the extra month's pay voted to them. To cap the climax, when Representative Cyster, secretary of the committee, was asked about it, he denied all knowledge on the subject, but added, cynically, that the employees were not under civil service rules. In other words, he warned them that they could be bounced if they did not put up, as required.

"That fellow Timmie Woodruff," as Senator Platt terms him, caused lots of trouble to the Republican managers. Everything would have moved on smoothly had it not been for him.

Ignatius Donnelly takes it in the right spirit, anyhow. He says that he accepts the nomination simply as a souvenir of the election next fall.

Now the Republicans are saying that Col. Bryan has taken to fishing in order to be able to bring insidious influence to bear on Grover.

McArthur is not keeping up to Otis' record in the Philippines. He is killing Aguineldo but once a fortnight instead of once a week, as Otis did.

A Bait.

The republicans in their platform say that "we declare our steadfast opposition to the free and unlimited coinage of silver. No measure to that end could be considered without the support of the leading commercial countries of the world."

Here then is the bait held out to silver republicans to support McKinley. No measure to that end could be considered, etc. There is not even a vaguely implied promise in this to do anything for silver. Four years ago the republicans pledged themselves to do all in their power to promote international bimetallicism, and did absolutely nothing. There is not even a promise this year.

The republican platform says, "we condemn all conspiracies and combinations intended to restrict business, to create monopolies, to limit production, or to control prices and favor such legislation as will effectually restrain and prevent all such abuses, promote competition and secure the rights of producers, etc." What gauzy stuff to hold out to intelligent voters. The republicans have held control of all branches of the government for four years, and they have not passed a single law that would restrain any of these abuses, but on the contrary the administration has persistently refused to enforce the laws now upon that subject. Neither will they pass or enforce such laws to restrain these trusts for the administration owes its very existence to the influence of these trusts. McKinley would have been swamped four years ago had it not been for the campaign funds contributed by the trusts, given freely in return for the leniency which they were to enjoy under the McKinley regime.

The cheerful effrontery of the republican leaders has no better illustration than that shown in the following sentence taken from their national platform: "We commend the policy of the republican party in maintaining the efficiency of the civil service."

Now what has been McKinley's policy as to this matter? Well, he issued an order about a year ago taking out of the civil service list a large number of subordinate officials and all for the purpose of enabling him to remove these officials and place his own henchmen in their places. This is the republican policy of maintaining the civil service and this is what the party has been made to approve.

Sharp Points.

By Squirms.

The critical point in the next election is New York, which is absolutely necessary to both parties. But Roosevelt as nominee for Governor would stand a better chance of carrying the state, than as nominee for Vice President, with a governor selected by Platt and sworn not to enforce the franchise tax law. This is the real milk in the coconut. Platt wants the franchise tax law killed, and has to get Roosevelt out of the way to do it.

McKinley had no more to do with the large crops than Bryan. Yet the Republicans will vaunt themselves this year on McKinley's prosperity, which rests altogether on the initial prosperity of the farming class over here, and the fact that prosperity abroad makes it impossible for foreign mills to fill their orders and compels purchasers to come to the United States.

The unspeakable Addicks was admitted to the Republican Convention, Evidently the G. O. P. needs his "bar"

again. But he should get a pledge in regard to the Senatorship in writing this time.

The President seems to have gone to war with China, as he did with the Philippines, solely by his own sweet will, without asking the consent of Congress, in whose hands alone the war making power is lodged by the Constitution. The question of the right and justice of the war is not material. The President has no legal power to declare it and should call Congress in session at once to consider the matter. But he will not do it.

How the first Republican platform that of 1856, contrasts with its manifesto in 1900. The one denounced "those twin relics of barbarism—slavery and polygamy." The other commends the acquisition of the Philippines and the treaty with the Sultan of Sulu which guarantees the continuance of both "relies" and pays the salary of the harem keeper of the Sultan.

Why didn't Secretary Hay try his "splendid diplomacy" on the Empress, as he has tried it on the Sultan of Turkey? Can it be that the results in the latter case have caused him to distrust his powers of persuasion, or are there more missionary interests in China and more voters behind them in the United States?

Why should the United States take sides with England against Russia in the Orient? Russia was our friend when England was our enemy. Russia was the first country to accept Secretary Hay's open offer of proposition and guarantee our citizens equal rights with her own. Why should we fly to the rescue of England, engaged as she is in the same old work she attempted over here a century and a quarter ago, and protect her Asiatic interests for her?

McKinley, Roosevelt and Hanna have all been congratulated. Now let the trusts shout.

What will the Long Tom do now with the Gypsy. The attention of Congressman Tongue is called to the dilemma.

Albany people will spend the 4th of July at Corvallis, Breitenbush, Brownsville and scattering places. Every man to his choice.

Tom Platt, the greatest wire puller of the present age, did what he wanted to do, shelled Roosevelt.

An advertisement in the Salem Journal reads: "A black lady's purse lost." It transpires that it was the purse that was black.

A litter flyer reads: "Oregon's Greatest State Fair, September 17 to 22, 1900, Salem, Or." This indicates that there is to be some hunting done. There is a big field for it.

A peanut war has struck Albany and 3 sacks for 5 cents is the price today. Even the small boy stands a chance of living these days regardless of the trusts.

A letter received by a Corvallis man from Baker City says there were fifty smallpox flags by actual count by him in that city. The papers are very still about it.

The Salem school district owes \$19,000. This they propose to bond in a popular loan to the people. If it has to be done that is a good way. Salem is getting pretty well covered up with bonds though.

Boss Croker, the head of Tammany, has returned to the United States from Europe. Croker is rotten to the core, in fact he is just about as low a manipulator as Mark Hanna.

Mrs May Dearborn, of Portland, is to sing at a concert in Eugene on June 29. The Guard says she is considered the best singer on the coast. Other vocalists will think this is putting it pretty strong.

The Philadelphia platform is a flat, vapid, platitudinous and slovenly stump speech.—Oregonian. But it will be swallowed whole and called good eating by some. The masses though will not down it.

The price of wheat has advanced materially during the past few weeks. The reason for this advance is the injury to wheat in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois by the Hessian fly. In Ohio the crop has been practically wiped out.

The Oregonian says: "The republican platform is a humdrum and commonplace production. There is too much of the rattle or grind of the machine in it. The republican party is not the faultless organization which this platform assumes it to be."

A drinker who died in Oswego, N. Y., left the following significant document as "his last will and testament": "I leave to society a ruined character, a wretched example, and a memory that will soon rot. I leave to my parents as much sorrow as they can. In their feeble state, bear. I leave to my brothers and sister as much shame and mortification as I can bring on them. I leave my wife a broken heart and a life of shame. I leave to each of my children poverty, ignorance, a low character, and a remembrance that their father filled a drunkard's grave."

The C. & E. will run an excursion Albany to Newport, Sunday, July 1st, leaving Albany 7 a. m. Round trip \$1.50.

The following from Medford Free Press is suggestive of the way things are run when run by politicians: "The removal of Prof. W. T. Van Scoy, as president of the Ashland State Normal school, is not approved by the people generally, and a petition to Gov. Geer has been circulated and numerous signed, requesting the governor to use his influence to have the normal board of regents reconvened with a view of reconsidering their action. The dismissal of Prof. Van Scoy seems to have been unjust, and the movement for his reinstatement should be pushed to a successful termination."

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Hot Eastern Weather.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned administrator of the estate of J. M. Irving, deceased has this day filed his final account in said estate with the county clerk of Linn county, Oregon, and the county court has appointed Monday, the 6th day of August, A. D. 1900 at the hour of One o'clock p. m. said day as the time for hearing objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

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SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINN COUNTY, DEPARTMENT NO. 2.

S. J. Archibald, plaintiff vs P. H. Marley, defendant.

To P. H. Marley, the above named defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear in the above entitled court and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff on file therein on or before the last day of the period of time prescribed for the publication of this summons upon you, which period of time is now more than six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit: On the 22nd day of June, 1900.

And you are further notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint and summons as herein required, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to wit: For a decree of the above entitled court adjudging and decreeing that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple free from any and all liens of the following described real property, to wit:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of section in area (3) in Township Fifteen Range three (3) West of the Willamette Meridian in Linn county, state of Oregon. Running thence South one hundred and one (101) rods; thence West twenty (20) rods and 5 links; thence South one hundred and Seventeen (117) rods and 10 links; thence East one hundred and twenty three (123) rods and 1 1/2 links; thence North three hundred and thirty eight (338) rods and (10) links; thence West one hundred and (105) rods and twenty one (21) links; thence South one hundred and twenty (120) rods to the place of beginning containing two hundred and thirty six acres more or less.

And that the levy of tax as made by the Assessor for Linn county, Oregon, as shown on the assessment roll for the year 1895, and the sale attempted to be made therefor by the Sheriff of Linn county, Oregon, and the deed executed thereafter by the Sheriff of said Linn Co., Oregon, to P. H. Marley, the defendant herein, be declared to be null and void, and that said sale be set aside and held for nought, and that said tax due as made by the Sheriff of Linn county, Oregon, on the lands described herein to the defendant be set aside, and that this plaintiff be decreed to be the owner of said real estate in fee simple, and that the cloud resting on the plaintiff's title by reason of said tax deed be removed and that the defendant be decreed to have no interest in said lands, and that plaintiff have judgment against the defendant for the costs and disbursements of this suit.

The date of the first publication of this summons is the 22nd day of June, 1900, and the date of the last publication is the 3rd day of August, 1900.

This summons is published in the Albany Democrat by Hon George D. Barton, County Judge of Linn County, Oregon.

That the Albany Democrat is a weekly paper published and of general circulation in the county of Linn, State of Oregon, and the one most likely to give notice to the defendant of the pendency of this proceeding.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1900.

WEATHERFORD & WYATT, Attorneys for plaintiff.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned was by the County Court of Linn county, Oregon, appointed executor of the last will and testament of William Leach, late of Linn county, Oregon, on the 16th day of June, 1900. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same duly verified as by law required within six months from this date.

This the 16th day of June, 1900.

S. MAY, Executor of the estate of Wm Leach, deceased.

WEATHERFORD & WYATT, Att'ys for Executor.

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned the duly appointed and acting administrator de bonis non of the estate of Elizabeth Anderson, has filed his final account with the clerk of the county court for Linn county, Oregon, and the judge of said court has fixed the 2nd day of July, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. to hear objections, if any, to said account and for the purpose of settling said estate.

This the 29th day of May, 1900.

J. K. WEATHERFORD, Administrator De Bonis Non.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned was on the 19th day of May, 1900, by the county court for Linn county, Oregon, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Francis Slate, late of Linn county, Oregon, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified to the undersigned at the law office of W. R. Bilyea, at Albany, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

This the 19th day of May, 1900.

PORTER SLATE, Administrator of the estate of Francis Slate, deceased.

WEATHERFORD & WYATT, Attorneys for Administrator.

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Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that I have been duly appointed administrator of the estate of John S. Olson, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me with the proper vouchers at the law office of W. R. Bilyea, at Albany, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 10th day of May, 1900.

E. W. BREEMAN, Administrator.