

The Democratic Party.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—One of the things discussed here by the Democratic members of Congress just before adjournment and since, and discussed with considerable solicitude, is the future of the Democratic party. This, of course is interesting to all democrats and all good citizens, for two parties in this country are essential to the health of the republic. The Democratic party is immortal and will last as long as the republic endures. Many a time it has been shot at and bedeviled and defeated and all but wiped off the face of the earth, and the announcement has been solemnly made that the Democratic party was dead, but when they came to bury it the corpse was not forthcoming. The party defeated last fall under the name of the Democratic party was not the real Democratic party of this country. That party is still in good health, still undismayed, still militant, and its hosts are beginning to marshal in serried ranks under the banner of leaders who are honest to the core, who are honest with the people, who believe in the real reforms the people demand, who have nothing in common with the plutocracy and who will fight it with all their might, and who will be found in the forefront of the battle in the next campaign leading on the Democratic hosts; and waving on the firing line will be the plumes of those two warriors for the people rights, the Hon. William Jennings Bryan and the Hon. William Randolph Hearst.

This is the honest consensus of opinion here among some of the leading democrats. It has been formed deliberately after looking at the late disastrous defeat which followed at attempt on the part of the Wall Street Democracy or more properly the plutocracy, to lead the Democratic leaders here believe it would be suicide indeed to allow the same coalition to continue and attempt another campaign under the same auspices. The only thing to do then is to depose the men who at present are at the head of the party and place the conduct of the party's affairs in the hands of the real leaders of the party in this country. The people believe in the honesty of purpose of both Bryan and Hearst, and they will follow where they lead. Mr. Hearst says he is not a candidate for anything on the face of the earth and will not be again, but any one who doubts that he will be a formidable factor in the next fight for the people, would better dispel such doubt right now. With his papers he is every day fighting the battles of the people and he will continue until he is in at the death of unjust discriminations and criminal trusts. The party cannot exist half plutocratic and half democratic and the leaders here think that the only thing to do is to make it all democratic at the earliest practicable moment. They feel that the recruits from the ranks of the thousands of honest republicans who really favor reforms in the interest of the people, will far outnumber the desertions on the part of Eastern plutocrats who will go into the republican party where they naturally belong and where they will find congenial company.

Every man who believes in special privilege will finally get into the Republican party, and every man who does not so believe will naturally gravitate to the Democratic party and he will stay there. You cannot fool all the time.

CHARLES A. EDWARDS.

The Everlasting Slaughter.

From the Monitor Magazine, Cincinnati.

The statesmanship of Europe is so wretched that it causes the everlasting slaughter of the people in many ways, and their struggle for existence becomes almost unbearable, and millions of them leave their fatherland to find homes in other lands.

Under the plea of patriotism millions of men are drilled as soldiers, who at the command of their officers will kill their kin. These great armies are not only withdrawn from the peaceful industries but create an expense that takes the earnings from the people and make their struggle for existence so much harder.

The armaments of the armies and navies drain the wealth of their countries, create mountains of debts on which the interest saps the savings of the people. And for what purpose? To slaughter one another for the self-aggrandizement of those who rule.

From the Kansas City Journal.

Kickers always attract attention—one class of them sells high on the market. The highest-priced four-legged kicker is a hybrid creature, irritable and somewhat unscrupulous. The chronic kicker is an amusing two-legged "animal," not so dangerous, however. A kicker never builds up. He is great on tearing down. The world's happiness has been promoted more by compliments than by curses, no, good reader, when you feel like kicking, just retire to the backyard and kick yourself a few times rather than join the kickers' chorus.

Why Taxes are High.

McMinnville T. R.

Sec. 1, Art 9, of the state constitution provides that the legislative assembly shall provide by law for uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation.

A comparison of the assessed valuation of some of the different counties and the amount of the state taxes paid by them will show how well this has been carried out and also show the way in which Yamhill county is getting the worst of it.

In 1901 the legislature provided an arbitrary method of levying the state tax by which each county should pay a certain per cent of the state tax and this per cent is to remain the same until 1910. The rate was based on the average assessed valuation for the previous five years. By this arrangement, Yamhill county is required to pay 3.91 per cent of all the state tax. This must be paid regardless of the assessed valuation of the county at the present time.

The valuation of this county at the present time is \$5,568,223.00. Our state tax is approximately \$39,100.00. This requires a levy of 7.1 mills on the valuation. In Clackamas county the valuation is \$9,364,000.00 and they pay a state tax of approximately \$33,500.00. This would only require a levy of 3.6 mills. Only about one half what is required in Yamhill county. We suppose this is what the legislature understands by a uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation.

As some persons may think this is only an isolated case we will give some of the other counties. Benton county has an assessed valuation of \$4,467,840, and pays a state tax of only \$20,200; Lane county shows a valuation of \$9,298,690 and pays \$46,200 state tax; Multnomah county has a valuation of \$56,427,577 and pays a state tax of \$12,300 which requires a levy of 5.6 mills. Thus it goes all along the line. Yamhill county being required to pay a greater state tax according to he valuation than any other county in the state. The average state levy in the state is 5.25 mills and the levy in this county is 7.1 mills. With this condition of affairs there are people in the state that think this county should not complain about the state expenses.

This county ranks eighth in assessed valuation in the state but is placed fifth in the amount of the state tax levied against the counties. If our constitution is worth anything, then evidently this law providing for the state tax is in direct opposition to the constitution.

It certainly is about time the people of this county began to study the affairs of the state and demand that they receive fair treatment at the hands of the state. We are a progressive people here and are willing to stand our share of the legitimate expenses of the state but we are getting tired of having more than our share of the burdens thrust upon us.

"Masters of the People."

The Philadelphia North American says that intimations have been given that the senators who are hostile to railroad reform believe the public demand for such legislation will have lost its fervor before autumn comes. But the North American reminds these gentlemen that:

"The day has come when the railroads, creatures of the state, do actually in many states control their creators; and there is no hope for redress unless the people use the powers of their own government at Washington. This they are resolute to do. The matter will not blow over. The campaign is not ended. The railroads, in one way or another, this year or next year, are going to be put into the place of servants, instead of remaining masters of the people."

Of course the "campaign is not ended," but these "hostile senators" know just as every other intelligent man knows, that the railroads or the trusts, will not be put "into the place of servants" so long as the people elect to office candidates chosen by the corporations. They know that these men will remain "masters of the people" so long as they are masters of the people's representatives.

The North American has made some strong protests—between election days. If it would make its unquestioned power felt, let it employ its great ability during a political campaign against the party that derives its campaign funds from the trusts and is therefore under pledge to carry out the decrees of the trust magnates.—Commenter.

In a few days District Attorney Heney will again be in Portland to attend to the land fraud business, and it is probable that there will again be something doing to talk about. There may be more indictments and some will not be indicted who have shown themselves as culpable as any who are under indictment. The man who turns state evidence has the added calamity of going back on his friends, and is therefore twice as bad as the man indicted.

There are people who would believe that John D. Rockefeller had horns on his head if any one would declare that he had seen them.

Mr. Rockefeller is talking of giving Chicago university an endowment fund of \$50,000,000. That would mean about a dollar a gallon for coal oil.

The Haroun divorce case at Eugene is an unfortunate one for any community. It is to be regretted that the lives of any married people are of a nature to call for such things as have been reported in connection with this case.

Men who a few years ago could not toady enough to Senator Mitchell are now stabbing him in the back. That is the way a sinking ship is deserted the world over. There are others in Oregon as guilty as Senator Mitchell who hold their heads as high as ever.

For awhile the air will be full of talk of peace between Russia and Japan. It will be well to take all reports with a great deal of allowance until they come from headquarters. The associated press reporters anxious to be in the lead will have daily reports founded on nothing but rumors.

The next state election is already being fixed up though a long ways ahead. It gives people an opportunity to talk, and that is about all. Most of it is mere guess work, offering items for denial. Half the men mentioned for office could not be induced to run, while there are others who are itching for any old thing.

If the treasurer of the state of Oregon or any other state invests the money of the state in his hands, waiting payment of the state warrants, and appropriates the interest to himself, in the opinion of the DEMOCRAT he is as much of a thief as the man who breaks into a bank, dynamites the safe and takes the money found in it away. The money belongs to the state, and any arguments that it is all right for the official to have the interest himself is the worst kind of twaddle.

Candidates for President are already bobbing up and the present President has been inaugurated less than a month. It ought to be a criminal offense to mention a person for President nearer than one year to the date of the election. It puts the country in a state of unrest and makes politics transcendent in government affairs. It has gotten to that place where men are more loyal to party than to the government. Uncle Sam ought to be first. Instead of that spoils have been placed at the head. At the present time the republican party is running the government for the spoils in the job and hardly a measure is passed that has not the party more in view than the good of the people. This is not stated for political effect but for a fact as seen by passing events.

A Reno, Nev., dispatch reads: C. A. Short, a prominent resident of Lincoln county, after a complete tour of his county, covering 16,000 square miles, has discovered the startling fact that nowhere in its confines is there such a thing as even a missionary house where the gospel is preached.

Probably it is the greatest extent of country in the civilized world where a minister is not stationed or where religious services are not held. There is a population of several thousand people in this territory, including such well-known towns as Delamar, Pioche, Moapa and others. The vast country covers a greater area than Massachusetts and Delaware combined. There is no record in any section of the county where religious services have been held for years.

There is no explanation for this strange condition, for the country at present is more prosperous than at any time in its history, and new towns are springing up there almost every day.

Grafts.

True love is implicit trust. Piety consists of doing, not of looking.

The more we put into life the more we get out of it.

It takes more than dogma and creed to make a Christian.

We strengthen ourselves by the exercise of lifting up others.

Satan wastes no time scheming to get hold of a heart full of hate.

The happiest man is he who makes the best he can of the worst he gets.

Some of our greatest joys are recalling the sorrows we have outlived.

It is impossible to make a mountain of dollars high enough to reach heaven.

The giving of a kind word often accomplishes more than the gift of much gold.

Some men train their consciences to approve of evil, and then calmly insist that they are doing right.

The greatest reformer and teacher the world has ever known never carried a "big stick," never swaggered, never insured peace by preparing for war and never posed.

MAY FIFTH

Set for Guglielmo to Hang.

PORTLAND, March 29, (Special).—Frank Guglielmo, convicted of murdering his sweetheart, was today sentenced to hang in the penitentiary at Salem on May 5th.

The Leuth Case.

SALEM, March 29, (Special).—The case of George Leuth, convicted of murdering Loretta Jones at Oregon City was being argued before the Supreme court this afternoon.

Proposed Fishing Monopoly.

ILWACO, Wn. Mar. 29.—Fishermen about the mouth of the Columbia are greatly excited over the report that the fishing industry is to be completely cornered by a syndicate and that Sand Island will be leased by the war department to the highest bidder on April 3. This island has been used by the fishermen of Baker's Bay from time immemorial as their headquarters in the fishing season and they have gone to great expense in clearing away snags and drift wood and making necessary improvements for carrying on the industry.

Peace Talk.

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 29.—After a meeting of the Council of Ministers, positive information was given out that Russia has outlined the terms under which she is prepared to negotiate peace. It was asserted that, thanks to the good offices of the United States and France, the question of bringing about the term of war had assumed tangible form.

An Intermediary.

LONDON, Mar. 28.—A telegram from a Northern European capital, received in London this afternoon says: "I have just learned on reliable authority that Russia has asked DeLesseps to act as intermediary and open peace negotiations with Japan."

Russia Frightened.

LONDON, Mar. 29.—The entire absence of private telegrams from the front, together with a laconic message from General Linievitch tonight dated Harbin and saying, "No reports from the armies," evokes fears that communication have been cut and that the Japanese have turned Russians' flank.

The Land Office.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—Secretary Hitchcock is planning a careful investigation of the General Land Office. It will be begun as soon as the work of collecting the evidence in the Oregon land fraud cases is completed and other urgent matters are out of the way.

In Memory of S. J. Sparks.

One more home is filled with sorrow,
All is dark and dreary now,
Hearts that nearly broke with sorrow,
And in grief the heads do bow.

For a kind and loving husband,
Has departed from this earth,
And his chair it now stands empty
In the group around the hearth.

It is hard for wife and mother,
To give up their only one,
He was such a kind, true husband,
And his mother's only son.

God has willed that he go first,
And God knows best what is best,
Free from earthly care and troubles,
He has found eternal rest.

A FRIEND.

Portland Doings.

PORTLAND, Mar. 28.—District Attorney Manning, sitting as a county jury is investigating the various city departments, looking for stuffed payrolls and other irregularities of which persistent rumors have been circulated since the grand jury finished its labors. It is charged that discharged men have been kept on the payroll and that dummies who never worked for the city have also been listed on the rolls and a thorough airing will be given by the investigation.

A Portland syndicate composed of Victor A. Avery, of the Avery Hardware Company, Louis G. Clarke, of the Woodward Clarke Company, Addison A. Lindsley and George H. Hill, of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company and Albert B. Mason, of Sealy Mason and Company, has purchased 2800 acres of oil land in Kyack, Alaska district for \$3400. The lands are in two tracts adjoining opposite sides of the Cudahy ground where drilling operations are now being carried on. The syndicate is also figuring on taking over the titles to ten claims of oil lands amounting to 1600 acres in the Catalo district adjoining the extensive holdings of Finch and Campbell, of Spokane.

A young farmer, residing south of Albany, fell from his bicycle beyond the depot, this afternoon, and it was thought had broken his collar bone, but he continued towards home, walking.

The telegram reported that Prof. Richardson was negotiating for the Eugene Business College. The professor states that the statement is absolutely erroneous.

The Albany high school boys propose to have a good boys team in the field this year. Dick Landis has been elected manager and Wren Crews captain. The club is now composed of: Read C. Landis and Fortmiller P. White, Crews and Dooley basemen, Lewis S. Neely, Simpson and one of the pitchers field ers.

MISFITS.

Albany's stores and residences are full.

Peace in the east will be filled with bullets.

The Russians continue to retreat.

Please, we would like a good fruit crop this Lewis and Clark year.

Millinery openings have blossomed out in a very pretty manner in Albany.

The shrewd farmer will never buy an article of a stranger and give his note.

Look out for all kinds of fakirs. There are numerous reports of approaching frauds.

The r. f. d. is knocking out the country post offices.

Mr. Herman will also be here to untangle matters.

Sunshine and shadow have been playing a se-saw game today.

Portland can't get too much religion. The field is enormous.

Portland is waking up. The street snasher is being punished.

A man's religion is mighty small when it doesn't open his pocket-book.

Delaware is to be congratulated. It is to have only one U. S. senator.

A Benton county circuit court is in session with Judge Harris on the bench.

The Cottage Grove Commercial Club continues to resolve against the railroads.

The Eugene man who tries to carry water on several shoulders is now pretty well down and out.

While attending the revival in Portland Dr. G. S. Wright of McMinnville, had an Elk's tooth stolen.

The attention of Dr. Chapman is called to the Oregonian's editorial writers, offering an immense field for a revival.

Mukden, will go down in history as one of the greatest battles of the world, which will be celebrated at Tokio on April 13. The Japs will shake the earth.

After seven years it has been discovered that the Maine was blown up by mistake. The man who did it, a filibuster, thought he was blowing up a Spanish vessel. Truth will out—sometimes.

Senator Mitchell is now being sadly neglected down in Portland. But he will soon receive plenty of attention as soon as Attorney Heney arrives from Washington.

Buffalo Bill, who tried to get a divorce from his wife, completely failed, and the world rejoices with his wife in her splendid vindication, while thousands of people would like to give the old bluffer a kick.

An Albany teacher at Lebanon Saturday paid \$1.50 for a shirt waist which pleased her. Her fellow teachers remembered that exactly the same waist sold in Albany for \$1, and lessons in arithmetic followed all the way home.

Among candidates for the office of state treasurer the Oregonian mentions Claud Gatch, M. S. Woodcock, J. W. Scriber, E. V. Carter, T. M. Ryan, R. E. L. Steiner, J. M. Lewis, E. W. Haines, R. Alexander and J. W. Cusick on the republican ticket, and the state election is over two years away.

A problem for students:

A man wanted a ticket to a certain railway station and only had a \$2 bill. He took the bill and pawned it for \$1.50. On his way back to the depot he met a friend to whom he sold the pawn ticket for \$1.50. That gave him \$3. Now who's out the dollar?

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Bryson B. Stoffelbeam, deceased, by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at his residence in Albany, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated March 31st, 1905.

MAR HA J. STOFFELBEAM,
Administrator.

T. J. SHIBES and J. J. WHITNEY,
Attorneys for Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Nancy A. Starr, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same to me at my residence No. 506 East Sixth St., Albany, Oregon, with the proper vouchers within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated March 24, 1905.

S. C. STARR,
Administrator.

L. L. SWAN,
Attorney for Administrator.

THE WOODMEN

Have a Big Time in Portland.

PORTLAND, March 27.—A thousand Woodmen were initiated here today with a big round up. Several thousand were in the parade. Elaborate ceremonies were had making it the greatest fraternal success for several years.

LONDON, March 28.—(Special)—A riot almost occurred on the front banks of the Temps here. A crowd wanted to subscribe for bonds for a Japanese loan. Many persons hurt, and the police are called to keep order.

NORTH PORT, Wn., March 28.—(Special) George Davis today was convicted of wife beating and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

OREGON CITY, March 27.—Asst. Prosecuting Attorney Schubel says that if the prize fight is attempted to be pulled off at Milwaukee between Burns and Barry, warrants will be issued for the arrest of all concerned in anyway.

WASHINGTON March 27.—The General Land office has definitely decided that July 1st will be the date of the removal of the land office from Oregon City to Portland.

VANCOUVER, Wn. Mar. 28.—Wholesale desertions are reported from the Nineteenth Infantry which is soon to embark for the Philippines on the transport Buford. Army officers are being kept busy watching soldiers and the guard house is overcrowded with captured deserters. Many of the troops are very averse to going to the Philippines and those that can make good their escape are doing so.

SALEM, Or. Mar. 28.—The Supreme Court yesterday denied the application for a retrial of Frank Guglielmo, the Italian who shot and killed his 14-year old sweetheart in Portland last autumn. This destroys the last chance to save Guglielmo's life and he must hang next June.

Another Strong Position.

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 27.—A dispatch received from Sympingal states that the Russian commander has succeeded in withdrawing all of his reinforcements to a very strong position, where they will be able to withstand any attack of the Japanese. The dispatch states that the spirits of the men is of the best and that they are becoming more and more confident.

A Bomb Thrown.

WARSAW, Mar. 25.—A bomb was thrown into the carriage of Baron von Nolken, Chief of Police of Warsaw, at 8 o'clock this evening. It was reported that the Baron was severely wounded. According to latest information, the attack on Baron von Nolken was the result of an elaborate conspiracy of the revolutionary party.

Trade Ruined.

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 27.—A very significant and important feature in connection with the political situation is the fact that the disaster and ruin with which trade and industry are threatened is forcing the merchant and commercial classes of the big cities into politics.

Would Fix Russia.

PARIS, Mar. 26.—It was stated in diplomatic quarters here today that among the conditions of peace which Japan might ask would be that Russia give a pledge to build no more warships for a term of years.

Where are the Japs.

GUNSHU PASS, Mar. 27.—The Japanese have apparently withdrawn to the region south of the Russian front. Cossack patrols, which have been making extensive reconnaissance southward found no Japanese within 35 miles. General Linievitch is dispatching scouting parties east and west to guard against a possible turning movement.

Ten Years for Mrs. Chadwick.

CLEVELAND, Mar. 27.—Unless the higher court interferes, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will spend the greater part of the next ten years in the Ohio State Penitentiary. A sentence of ten years was imposed on her by Judge Robert W. Taylor in the United States District Court today.

A Town Wiped Out.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 27.—A report reached this city tonight that the little town of Louisburg in the extreme west-portion of the state had been practically wiped out by a tornado and that seven persons had been seriously injured. It was also stated that from two to seven were killed.

Another Coast Road

NEW YORK, Mar. 27.—Directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad plan extending the Pacific. Final decision on this important enterprise will be reached within two months.

This is a prospect that has been agitating Wall street for some time but there have always been denials from the directors of any such possibility.

E Vangelist Coming.

Rev. Ralph Gillam, of Boston, Mass., is noted and successful evangelist is coming to Albany to conduct special evangelistic services at the Congregational church, beginning Sunday morning the 9th day of April.

Dr. Gillam was for some time associated with D. L. Moody. He is in the prime of life. He possesses rare gifts; is a strong preacher and has had marked success wherever he has been called to labor.

Married.

Mr. A. S. Buchanan and Mrs. Sarah Copp, both recently from Montana, were united in marriage this afternoon at the Russ House, Rev. Clark Bowser officiating. They will reside on a farm near Parker.