

**THE DAILY DEMOCRAT**

**THE RECENT CANVASS—ITS LESSONS—THE UNION PARTY—THE FUTURE POLITICS OF THE STATE—THE LATE DEFEAT SIGNALS VICTORY—IT IS HERE TO STAY.**

**Editors Democrat:**

The recent campaign and election were one of the most phenomenal and significant that ever occurred in this or any other state in this union. There were three parties in the field and all claim a victory, to which they are entitled to a certain extent. The democratic party verifies its claim by having its nominee for governor elected. The republican party substantiates its claim by having elected the congressmen and legislature. The union party proves its title to the greater triumph of victory by constraining both of the opposing political parties to endorse at the outset, many of its advanced principles of reform which they never did before. Hence its success—hence the significance of the Union party's victory.

While the Union party did not exhibit numerically, very great strength in favor of its own candidate, yet, it is clearly apparent that it was the work of the union party that wrought upon the people and caused the defeat of Thompson and elected Penneyer. Thompson and Penneyer maintain opposing economic views and are representatives of the two great distinct classes of our people—The capitalist and the laborer, whose interest under existing conditions are fearfully antagonistic. Thompson is a stalwart representative of the capitalist class, a thorough and able exponent of legalized monopoly and class legislation which has put in his possession much wealth, for which he is not to blame. It is the law that is wrong and the people begin to know it and vote accordingly.

Upon the other hand, Penneyer seems a representative and friend of the laboring class, endeavoring at all times to protect it against the devouring ravages of capitalist greed and class legislation. This affirmation seems to be proven by the aggregate of his private, public and official actions, truly, he is conspicuously in advance of the great leaders of the party of which he is a member, as his official acts and public speeches prove, and we honor him for it. In his speech accepting the nomination for governor, he said, he had determined (previously) not again to be a candidate, and the reason assigned for that determination was, that he had seen the inequality of the burden of taxation of this state, that he had seen repeated efforts to remedy that abuse rendered futile, that he had seen persistent efforts made to exempt by law certain species of property from taxation, and that he had seen still greater abuses in the federal government where wealth is entirely exempt from taxation, where the burdens of such taxation fall mainly upon the poor, and where in addition the poor is taxed for the benefit of the rich. Under these circumstances it seems he determined to absolve himself from all responsibility in the administration of a government so unjustly administered, but upon a more mature reflection, seeing the gravity of the issues and interests involved, he yielded personal preferences to a public demand and now stands as a trusted conservator of the public weal.

Doubtless, the governor in attending to the greater abuses of the federal government, where great wealth is exempt from taxation, shifting the great burden of taxation upon the shoulders of the laboring poor, included in connection with other federal abuses, the iniquitous United States non-taxable bond and national banking system—a system that takes more of the hard earnings of the laboring people of Oregon through exemptions, taxes and interest, than would the combined effect of fifty such measures as the Portland Bullrun water bill, were they enacted into law. And while the great leaders of the dominant political parties manifest no dislike to the non-taxable United States bonds and their despoiling appendages, the governor elect enters his solemn protest against every species of private property being exempt from taxation, whether by federal or state authority. This is in strict accordance with the principles of the union party—it is in strict harmony with the principles of justice and the rights of the people, regardless of party, and explains the reason for the large vote cast for the governor outside of party lines.

We believe we express the truth in affirming, that while the governor favors every avouched measure in the democratic creed, he goes farther in his convictions and feels himself in complete rapport and sympathy with the principles of the union party, therefore, we regard him as moving forward in the front of the great and mighty uprising hosts of reform that will peacefully change the laws of the government and plant it on that firm basis that will stand as a permanent guarantee of "equal rights to all and special favors to none."

The union party in its declaration of principles, includes and clearly defines its position upon every important, economic question presented by the now dominant political parties, with others of vital importance, that they vaguely define or utterly ignore. It is upon these latter questions that the future political battles of this state and nation are fought. I know not what the recent canvass developed in other portions of the state, but in Linn county the candidates for the legislature of both of the old parties were forced to uncover their positions with reference to some of the vital questions not embraced in their platforms but outlined in the other. They

were demanded by the union candidates to answer squarely these questions, Are you opposed to all non-taxable bonds, including United States non-taxable bonds and the national banking system? Are you in favor of the government owning and operating a telegraph system in connection with the postal system? To which questions they answered affirmatively, and the people applauded and believing them sincere sustained them with their suffrage. And the party hereafter that is not fully committed to the support of these measures in accordance with the public and private assurance of these candidates in the recent canvass will not be called upon to make laws for the state of Oregon.

The principles of the union party as set out in its platform are acceptable to the people of all parties as evinced in the recent canvass, as no fault was alleged by any one, or any objection laid at its door. In fact, some of the candidates in Linn county in their ardent desire to honestly subserve the people went a little beyond the explicit demands of the union platform and favored the Government loaning money to the people on land security, for which they commended themselves to the support and the confidence of the people. While our platform does not directly demand this kind of government action, my candid judgment is, owing to the enormous indebtedness of the farmers, it is an absolute necessity if they are ever relieved from their present financial embarrassment.

The recent vote is not a true exhibit of the union party. For, where, in the late elections in some of its phases, it only shows distrust and weakness, it will, upon test, display a power of no mean proportion. The union party is the only one that assails the liquor traffic and pleads for temperance reform. It sums there is no good reason for a doubt but what all true temperance men would give their heartfelt support for its temperance principles, if for nothing else. But what do we find in the election returns? We find temperance men almost solidly arrayed against it, and especially if their temperance principles are sanctified by the sacred name of religion. The writer personally knows more than one minister of the gospel who preaches and prays temperance and some of them are so hostile to the saloon that they object to receive any aid from the saloon keeper for the support of the gospel, yet these same pious temperance reformers on the day of election deliberately deposit their ballots with the saloon keeper for the support of his business. Why do they do so? Is it because their temperance and religious professions are a pretense? I think not. It is because they believe there is no chance for success by the temperance party and they do not want to "loose their vote." So it seems whenever they see a show for success, their votes will be on the side of temperance and real reform.

With a few exceptions, the farmers did not vote the union ticket, but almost without exception endorsed its principles and many of them in Linn county pledged themselves to vote only for such men for congress and the legislature as would vote to enact its principles into statute law, but under the pressure of old party fealty they were beguiled to break faith and disregard their convictions of right which I believe will not be repeated in the future under such conditions as are certain to be developed.

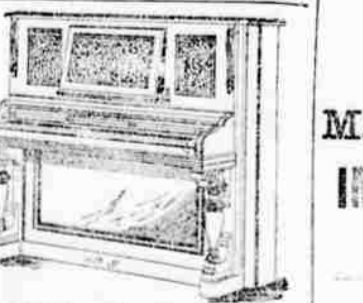
"Will the union party continue its organization?" Inquires an old time partizan, Yes, it can't do or be otherwise. It is an imperative necessity to carry forward the new revolution in political economy.

The farmers, the mechanics and every class of manual laborers are directly interested and to be benefited, if the union party were now to determine to dissolve its organization, in less than one year it would be revived, or some other party espousing its principles would take its place. The union party is not confined to Oregon. We are only further advanced and more thoroughly organized than anywhere else. Having secured the united co-operation of the representative heads and some of the best minds and earnest workers in all the reform organizations of the state, which places us at the head of the grand columns of the reform hosts of this nation. And the principles and mode of action of the union party permeate the minds of the people everywhere and are being acted upon and emulated by the oppressed laborers in every state and county in the United States. The union party can't be dissolved. It is here to stay.

A great national union party is in process of development, and no doubt will be consummated within the year. Conventions are already called for that purpose. It may not have the name of the union party, but it must necessarily have the principles of the union party. Therefore, whenever that great national union party is evolved, whatever may be its name, let the union party of Oregon be the first to sign itself under the great national union party sun-kissed banner upon whose shining folds will be inscribed, "Equal rights to all, special favors to none."

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