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THE PEOPLE SHOULD RULE.

NEXT NOVEMBER the people of the United States will decide whether they wish the policies of government as administered by the Republican party continued, or whether it shall be changed to those advocated by the Democratic party.

Republican methods and policies have controlled the government, exclusively, since the conclusion of President Grover Cleveland's term, in the early spring of 1897. The fact cannot be disputed that our country, as a whole, has made greater progress in the eleven years that have elapsed since that date, than in any like number of years in its previous history. Fortunes that simply astound the world have been accumulated by both individual and corporation during these years. More miles of railways, more steam ships, more skyscraping business houses have been constructed during that period than in almost all of the years of our previous history. Undoubtedly this accumulation of wealth is largely due to Republican legislation and conduct of affairs. Nobody who has at all made a study of the administration of government, will dispute this fact. The Republican party is entitled to every atom of glory which our remarkable development and accumulation of wealth and which places the United States far in the lead of all nations of the world. At the same time, it is responsible for all the ills which afflict our political structure. It is responsible for the fact that, like as the nation as a whole is, the vast amount of our wealth has been accumulated and is controlled by comparatively a few hundred of our people. While our millionaires have increased by the tens and hundreds, our paupers have increased by the thousands. At the present time nearly one-half of our people, while not paupers as commonly understood, they are homeless. That is to say they do not own their homes. During this same period nearly all of the available government land suitable for homes and which by our land laws, are easily secured by the settler, has been appropriated. Not all of these lands have been secured by bona fide settlers; but by men and women whose only purpose was to sell the munificent gift of government land to land syndicates.

An absolutely safe bank of deposit is one of the crying needs of the American people. They want to feel that when they place their earnings in a bank of deposit, those earnings would be subject to the depositors orders. To this end the Chicago platform makers were asked to insert a plank favoring the establishment of the Postal Savings bank. Yet, notwithstanding the fact that the country had not yet recovered from a financial panic, which was brought on entirely by our loose and lax banking laws, these platform builders refused, by a large majority, to try to make them better.

The centralizing of the wealth of our country is viewed with alarm by the lovers of our present form of government. They believe that laws and financial methods which permit one man to take over the holdings of another, without rendering adequate return, are inimicable to the safety of our republic and the well being of the people. The demand is general for reform along these lines. The Chicago platform is entirely silent about the matter.

If a political platform is indicative of the policies which will control a party, if given power, and it is, the Republican platform certainly fails to advocate many things which the people want. Indeed its sins of omission are much more prominent than its sins of commission. The platform is retrogressive rather than progressive. This has not been true of the Republican platforms in former times, especially in the early days of that party. Then progress was the key note of its platform builders. The last production seems to assume that the party has reached its zenith, or that it has reached a sufficient height in the march of progress and that a retrograde movement was preferable. It seemed to assume a content with things already

accomplished and a reluctance to take up anything new.

This was true of the Chicago platform builders; but it is very doubtful if their work will be satisfactory to the rank and file of their party. They were not actuated by a desire to let the people rule and this sentiment seems to be the temper of the American people more now than ever.

OUR PROSPECTS ARE ENCOURAGING.

THE COUNTRY EMBRACED in the forks of the Santiam has, probably, been the least developed of any portion of the Willamette valley. This condition is attributable to lack of transportation facilities. Having no navigable stream and with our only railroads in the North and Northwestern edges, progress has been very slow indeed. Our magnificent small and rich valleys suitable for ideal homes; our hill land which is equally as favorable for the production of fruit as Hood River or Rogue river valleys, and our mineral and timber wealth, all are in very much the same conditions that they were twenty years ago. While our lands are prolific and our people are more than willing to produce large crops of grain and fruit, and manufacture large quantities of lumber, a prohibitive tariff in the way of a long team haul so completely handicaps us, that all other portions of the great Willamette valley have outstripped us in the march of development. Our only feature of development, which approaches the progress of other sections, is the dairy. But this dormant condition cannot nor will not last always. Railways will soon be constructed which will furnish ample transportation for all the products which this section can produce. The network of electric railways, the construction of which has just commenced, will not neglect us very long. We can produce a traffic of dimensions, that will furnish a paying business from the start and the era of short feeding lines of railroads can not be much longer delayed.

Our vast timber resources alone can furnish a traffic which will justify the building of a railway line. The country drained by Thomas and Crabtree creeks, which must find an outlet at or near Scio, is covered by fully 500 sections of timber and which will easily cut 40,000,000 feet of lumber each. Then there are fine ledges of building stone and inexhaustible banks of mineral paints, besides the splendid agricultural and fruit lands and our large dairy interests, all of which should be ample inducement for the construction of railway lines.

Scio occupies the most favorable site for a town which is afforded in the entire Santiam country. Located at about the center of where the valleys of the North and South forks of the Santiam and the Thomas and Crabtree valleys join, she poses advantages which no other point in the above mentioned section can afford. Whenever a transportation line, either steam or electric is constructed, Scio is bound to be the most important shipping point of this entire section.

The NEWS believes that the day of our deliverance from the great handicap, which now hampers us, is not very far distant. Even now influences are at work which may give us a railway line within the next twelve months. Certainly whenever the Oregon Electric builds South from Salem, we will have either the main line or a branch through the Santiam forks and that means through Scio.

Let us hope that our citizens will, in every reasonable way, encourage any transportation enterprise which may undertake to come among us. We need some means to get our products to market badly. We have made commendable progress in the dairy line within the past five years; but with a railway line through Scio and on to Lebanon through Richardson Gap, we would soon double the milk product. This means an increase in the value of our farms and property in general of 100 per cent. and in the doubling of our population. The NEWS does not wish to be too optimistic. But conditions are looking much better than at any time in the past.

Gambling in stocks or bonds on Wall street, New York has ever been a curse to our American financial system. It has caused physical death and moral ruin to thousands of our citizens. It has destroyed homes, driven wives and daughters to lives of shame and filled the felons dock and drunkards graves with husbands and sons. The devotees and followers of the stock exchange know and realize that should Mr. Bryan be elected next fall he would use every atom of his influence to break up this nerve-racking, soul-destroying scheme through which our citizens can rob each other. They know, that like gambling with cards or in the bettors ring on the race track, their nefarious business must, in time, be prohibited. They believe, should Bryan be elected, that time would be materially hastened. So in order to guard against any possible loss they may sustain, they are taking out insurance policies against Mr. Bryan's election. The premium exacted is ten per cent. of the amount for which they are insured. Republicans are making the most of the situation they can. But they cannot get away from the conclusion that with Mr. Taft's election, Wall street gambling would not be disturbed; while with Mr. Bryan that class of high finance would suffer a material check. When this fact is well understood by the people, Mr. Bryan will be a gainer rather than loser at the polls. The people view Wall street almost in the light of an enemy, especially the gambling in stocks.

The Only Why.

The man from Mars wandered into a mammoth hall packed with people who were engaged in sucking their thumbs and crying for mercy.

"What's the trouble?" asked the man from Mars.

"We are cold," answered an ill-clad wretch as he blew on his fingers.

"Why don't you put coal in the stove?" asked the Man from Mars.

"We have no coal."

"But there is coal in the ground. Why don't you go and dig it out?"

"It does not belong to us."

"To whom does it belong?"

"It belongs to a few men."

"Well, how can it be secured, then?"

"It must be bought, but we have no money with which to buy it."

"You say that individuals own the land, containing the coal? How did they get it?"

"The law gave it to them."

"Who made the law?"

"Our ancestors."

"Why don't you make a law which will take it away from them?"

"The constitution won't let us."

"Who made the constitution?"

"Our ancestors."

"Why don't you take it without law?"

"That would be immoral."

"Who made the morals?"

"Our ancestors."

"What are you going to do about it?" asked the Man from Mars, finally.

"We have sent for a spiritualist to see if he can't get us some advice from our ancestors," answered the poor wretch.

—Ellis O. Jones in Life.

The Railroad Situation.

Last week we noted a meeting of the railroad commission at Crabtree and which meeting was adjourned to meet at Lebanon at the call of the board. This called meeting was held at Lebanon last Monday afternoon and which was attended by the Scio committee.

As the matter now stands, the Commission will probably order the two ends of the Woodburn-Natron line connected within a reasonable time. The railroad company would undoubtedly have the option of rebuilding the bridge at the present site or to select any other point on the river which it deems the most advantageous.

It has been developed by the commission in the investigation to build the bridge at the present site would be very expensive and with no assurance that the river would continue in its present channel. It was also shown that there was no better crossing of the river until the vicinity of the Lebanon wagon bridge was reached.

It is, probably, true that the Commission has authority to require the line again connected. If so the railroad company will have to do something in the immediate future. It is thought that while a railway line may be changed to make it more practicable, it cannot abandon a part of the line at its pleasure, especially a block from the center, without forfeiting its charter.

The developments of the next few weeks will, probably, enable one to determine what will be the outcome.

A man addicted to walking in his sleep went to bed all right one night, but when he awoke he found himself on the street in the grasp of a policeman. "Hold on," he cried, "you mustn't arrest me. I'm a somnambulist." To which the policeman replied: "I don't care what your religion is—yer can't walk the streets in yer nightshirt."—Everybody's magazine.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by the undersigned about June 1, one dark brown mare, white spot in fore head and the left hind foot partly white, branded with (W) on the left shoulder and an indistinct brand on left hip. Right hip is slightly knocked down. Weight about 800 lbs. and height about 15 hands. The owner can recover the animal by paying pasture charges and the cost of this notice.

W. T. LEE.

Residence 2 miles East of Scio.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN.
Frank Kierman, Plaintiff,

vs.
James B. Stearns, Defendant.
By virtue of an Execution and Order of Sale to me directed, issued out of the Circuit Court, of the State of Oregon, for the County of Linn, in the case of Frank Kierman, plaintiff vs. James B. Stearns, defendants, I will on Saturday, the 25th day of July, 1908, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M., at the front door of the Court House in Albany, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the real property described in said Execution and Order of Sale, as follows, to-wit:

The South west Quarter of Section 25, in Township 10 South of Range 6 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon.

Said sale will be made to satisfy a judgment in said case, to-wit: A judgment for Plaintiff for the sum of \$528.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum from the 4th day of August, 1898, amounting in all to the sum of \$1452.00—and the further sum of \$100.00 attorney's fees and accruing costs, the said real property being subject to redemption according to law.

Dated this 15th day of June, A. D. 1908.

D. S. Smith,
Sheriff of Linn County, Oregon.

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Notice of Appointment of Administrator.

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of June, A. D. 1908, the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, duly appointed the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Wida Goodfellow, deceased, and having qualified as required by law, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers attached as by law required, to the undersigned at his residence near Scio, Linn county, Oregon, R. F. D. No. 1, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit, June 26th., 1908.

Fred Goodfellow,
Administrator

Frank A. Turner,
Attorney.

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