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IS IT A HOSTILE ACT?

THE ALBANY FAIR Association, including a racing meet, has been formed and duly incorporated, with a capitalization of \$5000. Of course no one denies that Albany has the right to organize and hold an annual fair if she chooses to do so. But is it politic?

Several years ago, the citizens of the forks of the Santiam sought to have the section of country embraced by the two rivers erected into a county. The project was opposed with all the vim and energy which Albany could muster. The then mayor of that city is reported to have spent considerable money in order to defeat the project. Be that as it may, the efforts to erect the county were defeated, to the chagrine of its projectors and to the eminent satisfaction of the citizens of Albany.

Several years ago, a Linn County Fair was held, annually, at Albany. For some reason, this fair was permitted, by the citizens of that city, to literally starve to death and for the past twenty years or more, no attempt has been made by the citizens of Albany, to hold an agricultural fair. Now the citizens of Albany had the undoubted right to permit the Linn County Fair to starve to death, if they saw proper to do so, but was it policy? From recent events, the NEWS feels that it was not.

A few days ago, the Linn County Court was asked to appropriate the small sum of \$200 for the support of the Linn County Fair, to be held at Scio during the coming fall. The Court turned us down hard. Now the Court had a right to do this, but was it policy?

Three years ago, the citizens of Scio held a most successful street fair. So much interest was manifested therein, by our citizens, that the NEWS at once commenced agitating the project of organizing a regular agricultural fair association and that an annual fair be held. In January, 1907, a public meeting was called, to be held in Scio to consider the fair project. The meeting resulted in the organization of the Scio Stock and Agricultural Fair Association with a capital stock of \$2000. To give a fair, grounds had to be obtained, and the necessary buildings, stock sheds, etc., erected. For the small amount of capital subscribed, the undertaking was almost superhuman. But the management was optimistic, the task undertaken and the fair of 1907 brought to a successful conclusion. After all bills for the preparation of the grounds and the premiums had been paid, the association had nearly \$700 in the treasury to promote the fair of 1908. After all bills and premiums had been paid for the 1908 fair, there was nearly \$1000 left in the treasury with which to finance this year's fair. The fair board then concluded that the fair was no longer an experiment and decided to broaden its scope by re-incorporating under the name of "The Linn County Fair Association" and shortly thereafter the Legislature was asked to appropriate \$1000 annually to assist the association. This appropriation was made and this sum with the gate and other receipts enables the management to offer better premiums and promise a better fair for 1909 than ever before. The association is also a member of the Willamette Valley Racing circuit and a meet of that organization will be held at the same time, August 30, 31, and September 1. Now the Scio fair people had a right to do this and were not encroaching upon the rights of any other portion of the county in doing so. Albany had permitted the old Linn County Fair to starve to death, to be revived, as above stated, by the people of Scio and vicinity. Now as the NEWS sees things, the present Linn County Fair is entitled to the loyal support of the people of Linn County. It has expended some \$4000 to \$5000 in financing the fairs of the past two years and is now in a healthy cash paying condition. The fair of 1909 promises to far exceed its predecessors. People from all parts of the county, except Albany, are manifesting a much greater

interest than in the two previous years.

Now all of these three years of work and expense by the people of Scio and vicinity, is to be broken down, if the Albany fair association can bring about the result. There is not room in Linn County for two agricultural fairs. The people ought not to be asked nor will they support two agricultural fairs in the county, in one and the same year. One of them, like the Linn County Fair, will surely starve to death.

The Scio people are fully warranted in looking upon the Albany Fair, as an open declaration of war. They know that Albany gave the Fairs of 1907 and 1908 but a niggardly support. Less people attended the Fair of last year on Albany day, than came to this city from the county seat to attend a ball game on a recent rainy Sunday. More people from Scio attended the ball game in Albany, last Sunday than attended our Fair from Albany, on any one day in either year.

Therefore, seeing that Albany opposed county division, failed to support our Fair as we had a right to expect that they would and the County Court flatly refusing to appropriate the beggarly sum to help the fair, all go to show that Albany is unwilling to assist Scio in promoting anything of a public nature. Therefore Scio is warranted in concluding that the only value she occupies in Albany's estimation, is her ability to pay taxes and to spend money at the county seat.

We know that Albany can exist without the patronage or friendship of the people of the Santiam country. So can the Santiamers exist without the friendship or patronage of the people of Albany. But the NEWS thinks that both sections will fare better if a reciprocal feeling exists. Why should Albany exhibit a sort of dog in the manger disposition in this fair matter? Of course it is the calculation of the Albany fair people to break down the Linn County Fair at Scio. One of the prime movers of the fair, over there has been heard to express himself in that tenor. They even think that the Scio people are not entitled to the name "Linn County Fair." They think that we have committed a felonious act in daring to appropriate the name. Do the business men—the merchants think that they will incur the good will of the people of the Santiam country, by aiding in establishing an organization, whose concealed purpose is to cause the members of the Linn County Fair association to lose the money and work they have expended in running our present fair? Remember that Albany made a fat failure of an enterprise, which Scio has taken up and made a splendid success of. Remember, also, that Albany, by this act, will forfeit the good will of all the fair thinking people of the state and this is not a very good basis upon which to build up an enterprise which depends, for its success, upon the patronage of the public.

Scio is fully warranted in concluding that Albany is her enemy in just the proportion that she aids and comforts the rival fair at that city. But, gentlemen, it won't do. Hold your race meet and later on your apple fair and you will get our patronage. But do not, we beg of you in the interest of harmony and good will, persist in establishing an agricultural fair. Let us be friends and work in harmony for the progress of all of Linn County. Let us make the Pioneers Picnic at Brownsville, the Strawberry Fair at Lebanon, the Race meet at Albany, the Linn County Fair at Scio and the Apple Fair at Albany, all splendidly successful. Let us all pull harmoniously for the development of the central Willamette valley. Bear in mind, gentlemen, we are ready and willing to reciprocate, but when you, metaphorically, spit in our face, we will refuse to play with you any longer.

NEW POLITICAL ALIGNMENT

FROM THE PRESENT indications all over our country, a different party alignment is about due. The attitude of congress upon the question of tariff revision, is rapidly bringing this result about. People are better posted on tariff matters today, than ever before. They have become fully aroused to the fact that an excessively high protective tariff, is not a revenue producer for the government; but is a concerted method of people interested in manufacturing enterprises to, arbitrarily, increase their profits at the expense of the great body of American consumers. Nor is the protective tariff theory limited to the present party lines. There are both Republicans and Democrats who favor extremely high protection and Democrats and Republicans who favor a tariff for revenue only.

The protective tariff theory is a republican creature. That party gave it birth and has nurtured it until it has grown to be a menace to the nation. It is a menace because such men as Aldrich and Cannon, who control the majority in congress, are making all other features of government subservient to the tariff. But if our protective system is a creature of Republican birth, it is quite likely to receive the death thrust from members of that party, as well. More Republican congressmen have pronounced for a revenue producing tariff at this special session, than ever before. But strange to re-

late, for every Republican who has the courage and patriotism to stand for a tariff for revenue, there are Democrats ready to take their vacant places in the protection ranks.

Hence the grounds for new party alignment. Such men as Senators LaFollette, Cummings and others, will find more congenial company in the ranks of Democracy than elsewhere, and the so-called Democrats from Louisiana and New York City will feel more at home among the Republicans. The new alignment will, necessarily, be on tariff lines. The political battle of 1912 will, probably, be fought on that basis. The West, the Mississippi valley states and a part of the South, naturally favor a tariff for revenue only, while the East and a part of the Gulf states will probably continue to support high protection.

The protective tariff theory is essentially a theory of selfishness. This fact is plainly manifest, in the deliberation of congress in the present effort at revision. Congressmen are willing to reduce the tariff on all articles except those produced in their particular district. But in order to retain the tariff on the article produced by their constituency, they must support the tariff wanted by the other fellows and, as they and the other fellows constitute the majority, there is no prospect of reduction at the present session. On the other hand, indications point to a revision upward, instead of downward, as was promised the voters at the last election.

There is not a particle of doubt that if the tariff question could be submitted to the people, unbiased by party influence, a large majority of the people would pronounce for a tariff for revenue only. This being true, the country at large will condemn the present revision and the men responsible therefor at the first opportunity.

The people are ready for tariff reduction, if congress is not and the next congress will be composed of men willing to do the will of the people. They are about ready to follow leaders of the LaFollette-Cummings-Bryan type, in order to accomplish this result.

There is a rapid growth among the people of the idea that class-legislation of the protective tariff pattern, has long been overdone and that even the principle of protection is wrong. Seeing that the tariff beneficiaries have been allowed to collect toll from the people for the past forty-five years, they think the time is now overdue for the consumers to have a square deal.

To expect genuine tariff reform from either political party as now formed, is nonsense. Therefore, the only sure way for the people to get a square deal and to drive these overfed tariff barons from the trough, is for the tariff reform people to get together under one banner. It makes no difference what this new party banner is named so that it is placed in the hands of men who are tried and true friends of reform and of the great body of the American people—the consumers.

Senator Aldrich in the senate and Speaker Cannon in the house of representatives, are rendering the people an inestimable service by their unblinking and brutal work in the interest of the tariff pupa-makers. It is their acts, more than that of anybody else, which is driving the people together in their own interests. "Lay on McDuff and damned be he who first cries enough."

GUARANTY OF BLANK DEPOSITS

The cause is growing. Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas now have compulsory systems for the protection of depositors in state banks. In Texas the state bank can choose between joining the compulsory system and giving individual security, but so far every bank that has acted has decided upon the guaranty system. In Kansas and South Dakota voluntary systems have been adopted, while in Colorado, Arkansas and Indiana the guaranty bill passed one branch of the legislature.

Attorney General Wickersham has delivered an opinion to the effect that national banks are at liberty to insure their depositors, and insurance companies are already being organized for that purpose. The fight made last year has had its influence, and in spite of republican opposition to the plan, the protection of depositors is coming. The republican leaders have taken the side of the big financiers, but even the big financiers will in the end be compelled to yield to the just demand of the depositors for security. And so another democrat doctrine is being vindicated. The democrat party has something to be proud of when it can, even in defeat, control public sentiment and force its ideas upon a reluctant opposition.—Bryans Commoner.

Administrators Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of L. J. ... deceased, by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of ... made and entered of record on the 28th day of May, 1908. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified with the proper vouchers to the undersigned at his office in Scio, Oregon, within 60 days from the date of this notice.

Dated this 28th day of May, 1908.
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J. P. Foster,
Administrator of the estate
of L. J. ... deceased.
W. H. Quoness,
Attorney by estate.

THE LINN COUNTY COUNCIL

The Largest and Best Held For Years. Says the Albany Herald

We clip the following report of the meeting of the Linn County Council, held in this city, last Saturday, from the Albany Herald, as was reported by one from that city, who was present.

The Linn County Council, Patrons of Husbandry, met with Banner Grange at Scio, on last Saturday. Eleven granges were represented and the meeting was the best and largest held for many years.

The special committee, to present to the State Grange the resolutions passed by the council reported as follows: One to refer the Normal school question to the people by initiative petition; one favoring a uniform passenger rate of 3 cents per mile upon all railroad lines operated in Oregon; and one providing for annual sessions of the legislature, were presented to the late session of the State Grange and were favorably acted upon; the last named, however, being altered so as to have the present law so changed that a thirty-day session of the legislature shall be held in the February succeeding the biennial election, at which session bills shall be introduced, and ninety days after said session ends the legislature shall reconvene for 15 days' meeting to pass upon the bills. This proposed constitutional amendment was referred to the Subordinate and Pomona granges of the state for discussion during the ensuing year, action will be taken at the next State Grange.

Reports from the granges were very encouraging, Corvallis and Fox Valley granges were admitted to the council.

The following resolutions were passed: "Resolved, that the Scio condenser plant being the first to operate in Linn county, we hereby heartily endorse its products and recommend the same to the general public for use, its brand being 'Country Club.'"

For the appointment of a committee of one from each grange to attend to circulating petitions to the next congress favoring a parcels post and a postal savings bank law.

Voted that the council favors the publication of the county court proceedings in the Linn county papers.

Lecture hour was devoted to the following: Music, orchestra, duet, Charles and Neva Balaschweid; Grange song, "Because He Joined the Grange," T. L. Dugger, Alida Powell and Neva Balaschweid; cornet duet, little Misses Wao and Enid Kimball, of Jordan Valley; reading, B. F. West, solo, Master Kimball, with horn accompaniment by Miss Kimball; music, orchestra, E. C. Roberts delivered a brief address beseeching the Linn County Fair. Prof. F. L. Kent, O. A. C., gave a short talk upon dairy herds, with which he is making tests.

See Here!

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