

# Lebanon Express.

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## A GOOD PLATFORM.

The democrats of Polk county, at their recent convention, adopted the following excellent platform:

**SECTION 1.** Whereas, the present depressed condition of the country and the shrinkage of values are mainly due to the financial system which has controlled the country for more than twenty years last past, the Democracy of Polk county, in convention assembled, believing that the money question is the paramount issue before the people, hereby declare ourselves as unalterably opposed to the single gold standard, and demand the immediate return to the constitutional standard of gold and silver by the restoration by the general government, independently of any foreign power, of the unrestricted coinage of both gold and silver into standard money at the ratio of 16 to 1, and upon terms of exact equality as they existed prior to 1873, the silver coin to be a full legal tender equally with gold for all debts and dues, public and private, and we denounce all discrimination by the government against the gold or silver currency of the country. We demand that the secretary of the treasury shall coin into standard silver dollars as soon as practicable, all the silver bullion now in the treasury of the United States which represents the silver seigniorage or coinage profit to the government, and also all silver bullion that may hereafter be offered for coinage.

**SEC. 2.** We demand the repeal of all specific contract laws, state and national.

**SEC. 3.** We favor the construction of the Nicaragua Canal, and its control by the general government.

**SEC. 4.** We demand a tariff so adjusted that it shall affect alike our commerce, our agriculture and our manufacture.

**SEC. 5.** We demand of the general government rigid enforcement of the Monroe doctrine.

**SEC. 6.** In order that we may have an economical administration of state government, we demand that the salaries of all state officers shall be kept strictly within the letter of the constitution, that all laws now existing providing extra fees or compensation for any duty or service imposed by law upon such officer shall be repealed.

**SEC. 7.** We demand the repeal of the laws creating the Railroad Commission, the State Board of Equalization, the Domestic Animal Commission, the Horticultural Commission, laws creating and appropriating money for the support of the state and district fairs, and the office of Fish Commissioner and Game Protector.

**SEC. 8.** We demand the repeal of all laws providing for the organization and support of the Oregon State Militia, and also the law creating the office of Attorney-General.

**SEC. 9.** We demand the reenactment of the mortgage tax law, and the amendment of our assessment laws so that all recorded indebtedness of the taxpayer shall be deducted from his assessment.

**SEC. 10.** We demand of our legislators the enactment of such laws as will utilize the labor of the state convicts for the improvement of the public roads in the several counties in the state, where such labor can be conveniently used.

**SEC. 11.** As the excessive salaries at present paid to our county officials render taxation almost confiscation, we demand that the salary of the county clerk of Polk county be reduced from \$1600 to \$1200 per year; the deputy clerk from \$1000 to \$800; the county judge from \$800 to \$600; the county treasurer from \$750 to \$500; and that the salary of the county sheriff be fixed at \$1800 per year, and his deputy at \$900, the assessor \$800 per year, he to pay his own help, and that the county school

superintendent receive \$500 per year.  
**SEC. 12.** We condemn the last legislature for its willful disregard of its pledges for economy and its failure to repeal the laws creating useless commissions, and we pledge the candidates nominated by this convention to favor reduction of salaries in all departments: state, county, and municipal.

Now the ex-slaves are demanding pensions and are in high hopes of success. The pension fever has driven congress mad, and the end is not yet; so the ex-slaves may have considerable ground for their expectations, when the republican party comes into power again. Success depends upon how big a showing of votes they can make, and whether they can make the republican leaders believe that their votes depend upon the passage of such a law. After a little, the only fair and reasonable thing to do will be to pension every voter in the United States, and all the widows and children of ex-voters—perhaps with a proviso that voting anything but the republican ticket will be sufficient cause for stopping the voter's pension.—Sunday Welcome.

A little over three months, and the county election will be here. The people of Linn county will have a good many things to consider, and there is a good reason to believe the people are going to do some thinking. One thing they will think very seriously about is extravagance in state and county administrations for several departments, not in keeping with the times. Keep up your thinking.—Albany Democrat.

**Read, Peacock & Co.** are closing out their stock of goods at both Albany and Lebanon.

**Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining.**  
**Sympathizing Lady** (to casual acquaintance on the cars)—"Lost all your children? How very sad!"  
**Bereaved Mother**—"Yes, it is a great trial. But there is no loss without some compensation."  
**S. L.**—"Ah, yes; you have the consoling consciousness that they are better off."  
**B. M.**—"That is true, but I didn't exactly mean that."  
**S. L.**—"No?"  
**B. M.**—"No; I was about to say that we can hire a house now without any trouble."—Boston Courier.

**Flattering Delaware.**  
The little son of Le Grand Abbe of Ponchockie uttered another bright saying yesterday.  
His mother is making plans for a Martin Washington party and she made the remark that she would need the services of boys to represent States.  
Stephen said:  
"I want to be a State, mamma."  
"No, Stephen, you can represent Yankee Doodle. You shall be a State."  
"Oh, no, mamma, I want to be a State. I am big enough to represent Delaware."  
—Lugston Freeman.

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LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR.,  
Jan. 16, 1896.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Linn County, at Albany, Ogn., on Feb'y 29, 1896, viz:  
**EDMUND C. DRUEY,**  
H. E. No. 7615, for the S W 1/4 N E 1/4, N W 1/4 S E 1/4 and N 1/4 S W 1/4, Sec. 4, T. 10 S. R. 3 E.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Richard Mayo, Lann Sheppard, Joseph L. Turndage, Frank Horan, all of Mill City, Ogn.  
**ROBERT A. MILLER,**  
Register.

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ALBANY, OR.

## UNEXPECTEDLY UNDERSTOOD.

A Telegraph Operator in Mexico Tries to Hire a Horse.

"It's strange how contrary things go sometimes," said a telegraph operator who has traveled and seen many things. "Some years back, when I was roaming around in the southwest, I went down to Old Mexico with a man named Clements. We didn't have any particular business down there, but it was not difficult to get a job at telegraphing in those days, and we worked our way around from one place to another to see the country.

"We found the climate agreeable and everything lovely except the cabbages. The fact is, the cabbages were all right, too, but we couldn't get them. 'Tamales' was the only thing we could say in the greaser language when we wanted something to eat, and tamales was all we could get. Those tamales that the Mexicans make, you know, are one-eighth corn husk, one-eighth meat and corn meal and the remainder red pepper that tastes like concentrated extract of future damnation. Now, tamales are good things by way of relish in small quantities, but as a steady diet they pull on a person's appetite, more or less. But, as I remarked, the only thing we could call for was 'tamales.' That's just to show that we couldn't be understood when it was desirable.

"Well, one day we proposed taking a ride, and went to a stable to engage some horses. There were horses in plenty, but the fool people couldn't understand that we wanted to hire them. Clements had a little red book with some common expressions in the greaser language for ready reference, but it either wasn't printed correctly or Clements didn't have the correct pronunciation, for the stable folks didn't see his talk worth a cent. Clements then tried a sort of sign language, and they became suspicious that he was crazy, and when he attempted to saddle a horse they threatened to shoot him.

"While Clements was in the midst of these demonstrations a man dressed in the height of Mexican style rode in. His sombrero and saddle carried enough silver to buy a mine. He entered the courtyard, said a few words in Spanish to an attendant, and, seating himself near us, began rolling a cigarette. It vexed Clements to see how readily this greaser country districts, acted as his secretary. The mayor was seated one fine afternoon in one of the rooms of the town hall with his new secretary, when the schoolmaster entered the building stealthily and noiselessly turned the key of the door, locking up the pair.

It was some time ere the mayor and his secretary realized the strange position in which they had been placed, and then for two mortal hours they cried and shouted, implored and threatened, but in vain, for the vindictive schoolmaster remained deaf to their appeals. Finally, the prisoners were released by the gendarmes, who, horrified at this act of profanity, drew up a flaming report of the affair. The schoolmaster, however, had not yet done with the mayor. Revenge is sweet, and his thirst for it having been stimulated by one success he resolved on going in for another. Having locked in the mayor, he resolved on locking him out, and at the present moment the door of the town hall is so securely fastened that the unlicky functionary is unable to effect an entrance.

The baffled mayor telegraphed to the minister of public instruction, lodging a formal complaint against the schoolmaster. "I wish to inform you," he said, "that I, as well as the new secretary, have been sequestered by him for two hours in the hall of the Mairie; that he refused to open the apartment in spite of numerous injunctions; and that the intervention of the gendarmes was required to enable us to effect an exit at ten o'clock in the evening. I beg you to arrive at a prompt decision, as it is impossible for me to enter the town hall, where the archives are." This is a pretty state of things, and the interference of a minister is needed to enable the mayor to return to his town hall and his archives.—Kansas City Star.

**Nothing Else.**  
A tourist had arrived unannounced at a crowded village inn. It was already late in the evening, and there was no spare bed. The traveler grew impatient. "Haven't you at least a bundle of hay you can give me?" he demanded of the landlady. That worthy was also getting impatient. "There isn't a thing left," she answered, "except a bit of cold roast beef."—Youth's Companion.

could communicate with the people, while he couldn't make himself understood.  
"Look at that yellow-faced rustler! See how easy it is for him to talk!" said Clements. His experience had shown him that there was no danger of being understood by anyone but me, and he spoke freely. "Perhaps that blamed bow-legged horse thief can understand me," he added. Then, turning to the stranger and bowing deferentially, Clements pulled out his little red book, and, following the text with his finger, began to read in Spanish that he wanted a horse. He had only begun when the man who looked like a greaser said, in good English:  
"I gather from what you have been saying to your friend that you desire to hire two horses. Am I correct?"  
"He was correct, but Clements was so frightened that some time elapsed before he could answer and make a few necessary explanations to the Hidalgo, who proved to be a Mexicanized American, who owned a mine down there.  
"That was an instance where we were understood when we didn't expect it."—Washington Star.

**WILY SCHOOLMASTER.**  
The Mayor of the Town was Subjected to an Indignity.  
An extraordinary misadventure recently befell a French mayor, who had ventured to quarrel with the village schoolmaster, who, as is very usual in

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14 " " " " "	2 50	1 75
4 " " patent tip	2 00	1 25
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22 " " " " "	1 75	1 15
42 " children's " patent tip	1 50	1 00
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14 " " " " "	3 00	2 15
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February 24, 1896.

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**MILTON W. YOEMAN,**  
H. E. No. 8251, for the N E 1/4 Sec. 22, T. 11 S., R. 1 E.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: W. W. Sanders, Ben. White, G. A. Downing, D. S. Myers, all of Laconia, Or.  
**ROBERT A. MILLER,**  
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**GEORGE ARVISTA DOWNING,**  
H. E. No. 8250, for the N. W. 1/4 Sec. 22, T. 11 S., R. 1 E.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: William W. Sanders, Milton W. Yoeman, David S. Myers, Charley E. Clark, all of Laconia, Or.  
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**W. C. PETERSON, Agent,**  
LEBANON, - - OREGON.

**A. D. CHARLTON, Asst. Genl. Pass. Agt.,**  
Portland, Oregon.

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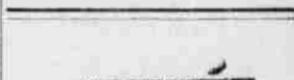
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