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M. E. HIGBY, Sec.
Secretaries of above lodges will please attend
to corrections. Any society wishing to have a
place in this directory will please hand in nec-
essary data.

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morning. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer
meeting every Thursday evening.
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Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sun-
day school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednes-
day evening at 8 p. m.
Baptist Church—T. H. Stephens, pastor.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sun-
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PRECEDENT.

The Scape-Goat for Misrule and Ignorance.

ABSURD QUESTION.

The Womb of Time is Pregnant With Great Issues!

Editor Southern Oregon Mail:
I beg lief most earnestly to file my objections against that monstrous absurdity, "precedent."
It is a scape-goat for MISRULE and IGNORANCE and is ridden by judges, lawyers, politicians and social reformers, and such a load would break the back of my Texas burro, let alone such a weak thing generally, as a scape-goat.
Judicial decisions, legal pleadings, financial problems, social ethics and political economists, all use "precedent" as prima-facie evidence of the justice, legality, utility and correctness of their several acts.
A congressman presents a bill before congress, his first and seemingly strongest argument is based upon "precedent." England has done thus and so, therefore, we Americans ought. France did the same and therefore we should. Nor does it matter to what said bill relates, and thus it is with the whole catalogue of the leading lights of free America.
Are we in this progressive age, dependent on what England, France or Germany has done? Now I care not, whether such "precedent" quoted, is in favor of what even my radicalism approves, or not; if the former, I begin to suspect that my ideas are wrong on that subject, for is it not evident to anyone that usually a law, custom or habit that governs the plutocratic slave of the world, cannot be on the whole the best for us here where the social and political conditions are (or ought to be) so radically different; we assert that they cannot be.
Hence the absurdity of an international monetary conference. When we get the gist of that whole matter we shall find it to be an attempted effort for the continuation and perfecting of universal monopoly rule, and the forging of another link in the chain of American serfdom. There has never been any international money, and under our present financial system it is fair to presume there never will be, what is money in America or the United States is not money in Europe, and vice versa, and the day when it will be, is not even in the horizon of the present thought of this age.
Senator Mitchell in a speech before congress June 29, 1892, on the "Postal Savings System," bases his heaviest argument on the feasibility of such a system, on "precedence;" other nations have adopted it, therefore we can and ought. Now the system of postal savings may be the best for us, or it may not. The system is not what I object to or plead for, but the cringing attitude of our leading men to the views and notions of foreign blood and nations. Can we not, have we not the wisdom to govern ourselves, or must we ask other nations what we must or ought to do? And if the "precedent" of European nations proves anything to us in relation to social, financial and political problems, certainly they should prove as light-houses, as signals of danger to them, instead of lights to pilot us to a port of peace, as our leading men seem to suppose, for certainly those very "precedents" have enslaved all Europe or at least have not been potent, as a power in the amelioration of the condition of the masses, but has always been in favor of the few as against the many.
We naturally look with suspicion on the Trans-Oceanic Law or "precedence" as something undesirable in our Republic, as something not in accord with our own free ideas and this progressive land and age. What have our schools been doing for the past century? Have we no great men "to the manor born" now in our midst that can make history instead of being its echo? Have we in 100 years raised up nothing but TWO-PENNY LAWYERS, SIX-BIT PLUTOCRATS, ONE-HORSE JUDGES and POT-HOUSE POLITICIANS? Are we as a nation "only great in that SPELL, a name?" Has there been no progress in our race? Are we only shadows of our former selves? Living witnesses of a dead age, must "precedent" forever establish the boundary of our thought and action?
The womb of time is pregnant with great issues, and because a she-wolf nursed the founders of the old Roman Empire, at the very

WEAVER AND FIELD

Formally Notified the Public of Their Acceptance.

GRAND WORDS.

Following is all the Dispatches Give Us, Being Only a Part of The Address.

PENSACOLA, (Fla.), Sept. 17.—General Weaver and General Field, People's Party candidates for President and Vice-President, have issued an address to the people of the United States, in part they say:
"We take this method of formally notifying the public of our acceptance of our nominations and appreciation of the honor conferred upon us. We are heartily in accord with the platform of principles adopted by the People's Party Convention and if elected will endeavor faithfully to carry out the demands in letter and in spirit.
"We are requested by the National committee to visit the various states of the union. Already one or both of us have visited fifteen states, and if our health and strength be spared we intend to continue the work until the campaign is closed. We have been received with marked cordiality. Enthusiasm everywhere is without parallel and extends to every part of the Union we have visited.
CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE.
"By contact with the people we become acquainted with their wants and sufferings, and are brought face to face with the manifold evils which so seriously threaten our civilization and to overthrow popular government. The people are in poverty, their substance being devoured by heartless monopolists, trusts, pools and money sharks. Labor is largely unemployed, and where work is obtainable the wages paid for the most part are unremunerative and the products of labor are not paying the cost of production.
Leaders of the heretofore dominant parties everywhere are controlled by great monopoly and money centers and manifest an utter disregard for the wants and wishes of the people. They are hostile camps arranged on sectional ground, but vie with each other in self service to capitalistic and corporate greed upon the general economic questions of the day, differing just enough to enable men to carry on a sham battle. The whole work of robbery and spoliation proceeds unabated.
FREE BALLOT.
"We hold the rights of a free ballot and a fair count the rights preservative of all rights, and upon their inviolability rests the perpetuity of free institutions and a representative government. We are pained to discover in the public mind in the Southern States widespread loss of confidence on the part of the people in the integrity of the judges of elections in receiving the ballots of the people and counting them for the candidates of their choice. We think the evils must be corrected by the intelligence and integrity of the people, otherwise scenes of violence, and perhaps bloodshed, may follow the efforts of the parties in charge of the ballot boxes to defraud the will of the people.
"After consultation with the people we believe it to be true beyond reasonable question, that a majority of the white voters are with the People's Party in every Southern State thus far visited, and our information leads us to believe the same thing true in other States also. We are informed that in the recent State election in Alabama Captain Kolb was chosen governor by over 40,000 majority, and yet his opponent was counted in by a majority of 10,000. County tickets throughout the state were counted out and others counted in by the same unblushing methods.
THE ARKANSAS ELECTION.
"We are informed that in the State election in Arkansas on the 5th of September, at least 50,000 qualified voters of the state were deprived the right of suffrage. The returns were inaccurate and the People's Party denied representation in the appointment of judges and commissioners.
"All our friends in the State have to guide them was in the few counties where they were able to force an honest count. In every one of these counties our vote ran fully up to expectations. In some populous white counties the People's Party hold an immense vote, their ticket leading the Republican largely and

being about equal with the Demo- cratic. We believe a fair count would show similar conditions throughout the state.

"Frauds and irregularities, though local, are yet matters worthy of the serious consideration of people of the whole United States. It is apparent that neither the Republican party nor the Democratic can or will accomplish restoration of the ballot to a fair and honest basis. The People's Party alone can secure the desired end.
AN APPEAL TO VOTERS.
"All who desire a revival of busi- ness; all who wish for the return of prosperity; all who desire to relieve depressed industries and the wage- workers of our common country; all who desire adequate increase in our currency and free coinage of silver; all who desire the abolition of banks of issue and constitutional control of the great instruments of com- merce by the government of the United States; all who desire that the laws of taxation shall be equitably adjusted to the property of the country; all who desire that the public domain shall be held sacred in trust for the people; all who desire that the highways between states shall be rendered subservient to popular good; and finally, all who desire restoration of fraternity among the people and obliteration of sectional animosities, should at once regard it a conscientious duty to align themselves under the banner of this great industrial move- ment.
CORPORATIONS AND MONEY-CHANGERS
"It seems to us quite impossible that the liberty and justice-loving people of the country should longer cast their ballots for corporations and money-changers. It would seem impossible that they should refuse to make common cause with the fair-minded majority of the people of the South, who have risen up to demand justice and good government in the respective states.
"The new party has its face to- ward a glorious future. Its sub- lime mission is to usher in an era of fraternity and justice among men. In the presence of such an opportunity to emancipate our country from misrule of every kind let party lines be forgotten, and the generous flame of common patri- otism nerve every heart and move every soul.

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