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THEIR METHOD.

The sentiment in favor of a "square deal" for women has increased so largely in our state, and the desire to do justice to the noble pioneer mothers and patriotic sisters who stand side by side with fathers and brothers in the development of Oregon, has aroused such a sense of honor in the justice-loving voters that the revelation of the combine forces antagonistic to equality of the people will give an overwhelming vote for equal rights for all.

A secret circular judiciously mailed to liquor dealers of the state reads as follows:

Portland, May 27, 1906—Dear Sir: Two laws are to be voted on at the election June 4 which are of vital importance to every liquor merchant in Oregon, without exception.

The first is woman suffrage.

The second is the amendment to the local option law.

The members of this association have worked hard for a long time on both these matters. So far as the amendment to the local option law is concerned, they have prepared the amendment, defended its title successfully in the supreme court, and placed it on the ballot.

But, being few in number, they cannot by themselves pass the local option amendment to defeat woman suffrage.

That part of the work is up to the retailers. We write this letter to earnestly ask you to help.

It will take 50,000 votes to defeat woman suffrage. It will take 50,000 votes to pass the amendment to the local option law. There are 2000 retailers in Oregon.

That means that every retailer must himself bring in 25 votes election day.

Every retailer can get 25 votes. Besides his employes, he has his grocer, his butcher, his landlord, his laundryman and every person he does business with. If every man in the business will do this we will win.

We enclose 25 ballot tickets showing how these two laws will appear on the ballot and how to vote.

We also enclose a postal card addressed to this association. If you will personally take 25 friendly votes to the polls on election day and give each one a ticket showing how to vote, please mail the postal card back to us at once. You need not sign the card. Every card has a number and we know who sent it in.

Let us all pull together and let us all work. Let us each get 25 votes. Yours very respectfully, BREWERS & WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEALERS.

The names appearing on the letterhead are significant and are no doubt those "too numerous to publish" referred to in the protest of the anti's, which appeared some days ago.

This circular is accompanied by a postal card for reply. The interesting message it bears is addressed to:

Brewers & Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Ass'n,
413-414 McKay Building
Portland, Oregon.

The reverse side of the card contains this reply message:

Dear Sirs:—
I will attend to it.
25 times.
Yours truly

Instead of a signature, a number follows, in strict emulation of penitentiary or convict labeling.

A. L. Clark returned Tuesday from Grays River after papering, painting and decorating a residence for Wm. Meserve at that place. The job took ten days.

The son of R. Williams who broke his arm at play last week is rapidly recovering.

MEN WHO COULD PROFIT.

Few men are flattered by the pure unadulterated truth about themselves and especially when it appears in print and is circulated among their friends. Naturally they wish men to think well of them and are willing to encourage their friends and the public generally by covering up their own weak and erring points with ample charity and self acclamation.

When however, anyone raises a doubt and publishes the shortcomings of such an one it is very hard for him to put himself in the place of his traduces and see himself as others see him.

Self esteem is often a deceiver, but in this age of surprises men are apt to take a few grains of salt before swallowing whole, all that a man may aver concerning his own deeds and accomplishments. Yet he is not to be blamed for sounding his own praises—unless he can keep pretty mum about himself.

Sometimes a man may so concentrate his efforts of thought upon his own importance and worth in a community that his sphere of usefulness becomes purely imaginary and he himself wholly deceived until some unkind person happens to butt into him and wakes him sufficiently to sit up and take notice, and even then he does not part with his self-delusions so long as he can find anyone to impress them upon him and pat him on the back no matter if it is only his wife or some other woman—usually a wife is first undeceived.

Sometimes several men enter into a self-delusion, similar to the individual experience and from a circle wherein they lose account of time and progress and the demands of their environments to such an extent that they resent very effort to break the "spell" or trance or whatever it may be, and in the most ludicrous manner place themselves in opposition to friends, and even laws and their representatives and all who are disposed to undeceive them.

Often such men are the ones who could profit largest by the awakening and who are needed to fill responsible positions in the community and State, but who through their unfortunate predicament of mind are rendered useless for such service, and are made tools for every sort of unscrupulous and harmful end—never for good.

It behooves the readers of the Register to be as charitable as possible without encouraging too much any such cases as may be in our midst, and to try and devise some effective and harmless means for breaking such spells. And above all be honest, without being puffed up or self-deceived.

Sometimes even men who have accepted the progressive public confidence and declared allegiance to needed reforms and laws enacted by men whose places they aspire to, sometimes fill, are mesmerized into taking an attitude of obstinacy against the inevitable.

Then again men who are looked upon as pillars of good judgment are suddenly found in their dotage, without any place in human affairs, at the beck and call of the varied feminine instincts, rather than taking the manly course, such as proclaims men fit for places of larger trust.

Again there are those who befool themselves, by the delusion of cunning evasion for the preservation of business integrity and clinging to vicious issues because they have no ambitions beyond to satisfy.

And last but not least there are unfortunate ones, who, although bound hand and foot within the circle, and powerless to cope with its delusions, would do credit to Legislature. Such men are proof against the occult of evil and inspire anew our faith in the future of our country and of Rainier.

RAINIER.

Born, to the wife of Chas. E. Thompson, a nine and a half pound boy, Monday, May 21st, 1906.

The steam schooner "Aurelia" finished loading a cargo of over a half million feet of lumber last Thursday at the Rainier Mill and Lumber Company. Only three days were taken in loading the cargo, which is pretty quick dispatch.

The new photograph gallery will be ready for business in a very short time. Terwillinger, the photographer, has prepared for himself very comfortable quarters, and should receive a liberal patronage. Just as good pictures can be made here as in Portland.

A. A. Sickau, the harness maker has removed his old stand to Clatskanie. We are sorry to lose him here, as he understood his trade thoroughly. But as all the stores carry some leather goods in his line the business was too much divided to be as profitable as it should to one who makes it his special business.

The Rainier public school had its commencement exercises last Friday night in the K. of P. hall. The house was packed to overflowing, and a number could not get admission. The program was well carried out, and all who participated did themselves credit. The eighth grade graduating class reflects credit on the school as it is one of the best that has ever graduated in the county. Prof. Wilkerson, who has been instrumental in raising our school to such a high standard of excellence has been elected principal of the Forest Grove school, and will not teach here again.

The Socialists here held a meeting last Saturday, and were addressed by one of their speakers, a Mr. Washburn, on the doctrines and principles of socialism. An attentive audience listened to the address.

Mr. Frank Hankins, a brother of W. H. Hankins, died suddenly May 30, at Portland, where he has resided for many years. He was 45 years old and leaves two sons, his wife having died several years ago.

Mrs. J. F. Timony is visiting her daughter Mrs. Guy Thayer, at Seattle this week.

A Mr. Keith, an eastern man is planning to build a saw mill at Danby.

The Campbell Brothers have quite a cluster of tents and houses on the Timony place where they are preparing to build their mill and run their logging camp.

Miss Eva Burns and her brother Dan made a visit to Seaside last Sunday to visit their sister who is teaching in the public school at that place.

Frank Stehman is erecting a 16x20 addition to the house he recently bought in Moecks Add.

A special coach and locomotive brought several officials of the A. & C. R. R. to Rainier where they spent Wednesday afternoon. Mr. McGinn and J. C. Mayo were among the party.

On Wednesday afternoon of May 30 1906, at the residence of the bride's parents, Miss Myrtle Deitz was united in marriage to D. L. Driskell of Seattle. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. N. Carmichael. A banquet was served in the Odd Fellows hall, about 25 friends, relatives and invited guests participated. The young people will make their home in Seattle.

VERNONIA ITEMS.

We have at last something definite to report in regard to railroad matters. Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. C. E. Lytle of the Pacific Railroad and Navigation Co., accompanied by the chief engineer, G. L. Davis, came into our city and at once let themselves be known. They have been here a number of times during the past six months but always incognito, this time they had business with our people. A mass meeting was called that night, and for the short notice a goodly number of citizens were out. Mayor Seseman took the chair and introduced the gentlemen. Mr. Lytle said the reason why they had never let themselves be known was because they had not heretofore had anything to propose to our citizens, and now they had. He said the company had been making preliminary surveys along various routes, among them the one down Beaver creek and the Nehalem to Vernonia, that they had the road completed to Banks, with the engine pushing cars into that station; that two-thirds of the grading was done to Buxton, that the road was located to the twenty-mile station, four miles this side of Buxton, and that inside of 30 days, if they got the men and teams they will be ready to start, that while they could not promise definitely that this route was the best, for they are trying to find the most practical route to tide over the winter, a proposition to build a right-of-way depot site, etc., if they should finally decide upon this route they will build the road and have it completed by January 1st, 1908. Chief Engineer Davis also made a talk, explaining certain matters about the route. Both gentlemen were eminently fair and frank in all they said. Mayor Seseman, Dr. C. L. Hatfield, C. W. Mellinger, G. A. Gustafson, E. R. Throp and others spoke and many questions were asked and answered, and on motion of Dr. Hatfield, seconded by D. W. Kenney, A. M. Parker and others, and by a unanimous vote the following committee was appointed to have full power to act, to call meetings to report and to discuss matters with our citizens, and to look after the interests of the community in general, viz: Judson Weed, chairman, G. Gustafson, C. W. Mellinger, E. R. Throp, R. Seseman, L. Seigrist. This was in accordance with the wishes of the railroad people. The committee had its first meeting Thursday night and mapped out its work, but can not get it in earnest until the locating engineers get the line definitely located to Vernonia. Mr. Lytle and engineer Davis said that while the railroad company did not want a site for a mill, since they expected to do only a transportation business, yet there are men whom they know who have money ready to come here and put in a big mill just as soon as the road is completed to this point. So if our citizens really want a railroad the prospect seems flattering and it is up to them to do something to get it. In a private conversation with your correspondent Mr. Lytle said: "If we can get the right of way free of all cost to us Vernonia will get the road."

Quite a number of copies of the Rainier Review were received here last week. We wondered at first what was up, but a glance over its pages showed the ears of the animal sticking out in several places, and its politics and "whiskey ticks" were very apparent. First, the citizens of Rainier make a defense of their city as against various charges, which they have a right and ought to do, but in a more substantial way than simply "resolving." Second, the editor wanted to get before our voters the plea of the Portland lawyer in behalf of the saloon keepers amendment to the present local option law, which he thinks is such a very nice thing. So it to be mean the amendment; for saloon keepers, which is the very best of reasons why one should vote "No" on it. Third, the editor of the Review wanted also to tell us fellows over here in Auburn precinct, how the poor, dear, innocent women don't want to vote, and how a lot of scoundrels are going to try and make them vote. Don't the two things, opposition to the present local option law and to woman suffrage, go together, hand in hand? It is the liquor interests that are circulating literature for both the amendment and against woman suffrage. It is too bad that our present local option law is only a prohibition law. How scared these gentlemen seem to be. Don't they know that every local option law in every state is a prohibition law whenever the voters of any particular territory vote against the saloons. Certainly. But the editor of the Review and the saloonites of Rainier, as well as other places, will probably more fully realize it on Tuesday next when they hear from the voters from the rural districts of the county, who are tired of having the cities along the river pocket the fees for saloon licenses for their own benefit, and then allow the county to pay the costs in various suits in the circuit court, growing out of their sale of get-drunk-quick whiskey. These rural voters will give the woman suffrage amendment a pretty strong lift, and the saloonkeepers amendment a mighty hard kick. D'ye hear?

Uncle Joe Vanblaricom has been quite sick this week but is some better at this writing.

Mrs. Ann Arnold, mother of Mrs. E. Nickerson, has bought the Bench ranch, and her son, Mr. Frank Bello of Kansas, will come out some time this fall to run it and make his home here.

Will Lindsay stopped over at St. Helens Thursday, being a witness in an important case. Tom Throp carried the mail for him for a couple of days.

E. E. Nickerson took Wm. Doggins out to the hospital Friday last, returning Sunday.

W. D. Case of Pittsburg, who was seriously hurt by a fall on a building at Scappoose on March 23 last, is now at home, able to be up and around; not well yet, but steadily improving.

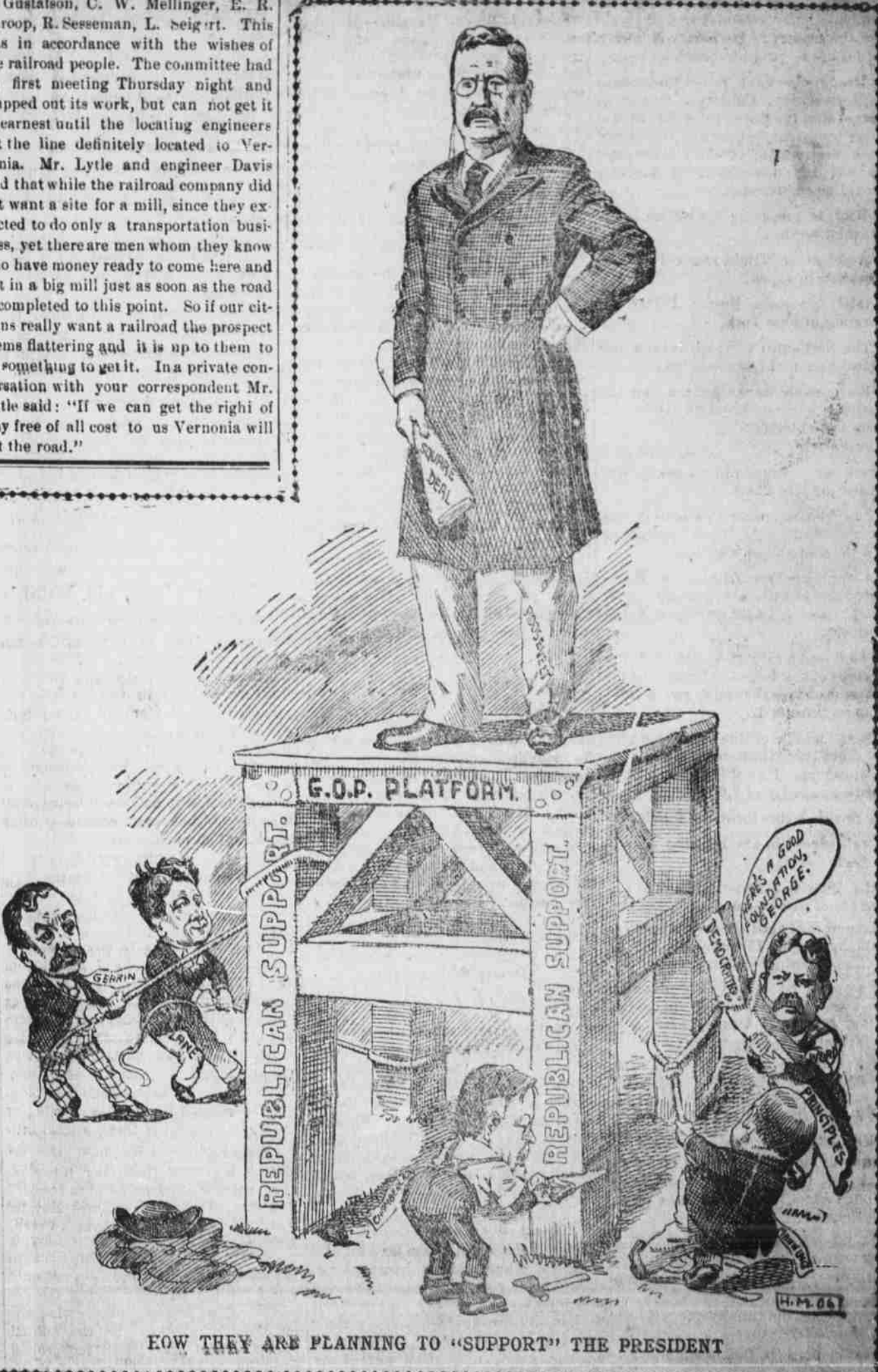
J. G. Myers, wife and daughter, of Ohio, who are touring the West, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, who are sojourning on the Bench ranch. These two families live in the celebrated Miami valley, which is said to be the garden spot of the world. Mr. Myers and family go to Yellowstone Park next.

Mrs. Clark's school will give an entertainment and basket social at Muckle's hall Saturday night. All the ladies are invited to bring baskets and the gentlemen will bring pocket books. The proceeds will be for the purchase of an organ for the Wilkinson district.

Rev. A. E. Myers preached his first sermon Sunday morning. It was the memorial sermon, but was appreciated by the large audience present.

Those who have joined the cream industry since our last report are Louis Seiger, Alex Sward, Mrs. John Smith and H. D. Vanblaricom. The first two have Economy separators, the third a U. S., and the last a Dairy. All have the "best going."

Carl R. Mills went out to Forest Grove Monday with a load of wool, made up of the shearing of several of our citizen's sheep. He also took out two gentlemen, (the names we could not get) who have been here looking up a mill site. As we said a week or so ago, "the woods are literally full of men" these days looking about for various things, but since they are all on the "still hunt" we are unable to get their names or to find out where they come from or what their business is. They seem to be "just looking."



HOW THEY ARE PLANNING TO "SUPPORT" THE PRESIDENT