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#### TILLAMOOK BAR IMPROVEMENTS THE ISSUE.

##### The Headlight Offers a Few Suggestions to the Republicans and the Voters in Tillamook.

The republican county central committee has decided to call for primaries and a county convention. Let us sound a word of warning. This is no time for scheming politicians to push themselves to the front or for personal or factional fights. They have been tolerated long enough; alas, and to the party's and the county's detriment. The republican party in Tillamook county has a public duty to perform, and its slogan and battle cry should be Tillamook bar improvements. That is paramount over all other questions as far as Tillamook is concerned, for it is bar improvements we want and it is bar improvements we must have. Political friction, political animosity and petty political jealousies in the republican party have been endured long enough and can accomplish nothing if persisted in. Now is the time for the party to get together and exert itself for the county's interests, for that is head and shoulders above a factional fight. Diplomacy is what is wanted and above all diplomatic leaders, not precinct politicians who imagine they have grievances to fight out and an ax to grind at the same time.

As the Headlight has previously pointed out, in selecting delegates to form the delegation from Tillamook to the congressional convention, it should be made up of live, progressive and aggressive men who have identified themselves with the industrial and commercial welfare of the county. Therefore, the republican county convention has an important duty to perform.

The aim of the delegation must be to secure a pledge from the next congressman to have \$500,000 appropriation inserted in the next river and harbor bill for the improvement of Tillamook bar. Although but a small delegation, it has a vote of four to one behind it for the next republican candidate who will pledge himself for this project. Every democrat in the county must concede that it would be useless to vote for a democrat, who would be antagonistic to the party in power, consequently they must vote for a republican congressman if they want harbor improvements. It may place them in an embarrassing position, but they would be sacrificing no principle if they voted for bar improvements. Supposing that Tillamook people for once forgot their political prejudices and took a novel course by casting their entire votes, not so much for the republican candidate, but for bar improvements, it would have a good effect. No one will deny but there is logic and common sense in it if they will stop to reason it out. Tillamook will never be able to turn the country up-side-down politically, but the people of the county should stand shoulder to shoulder for bar improvements and drop their political prejudices. But will they do so and along the lines we have indicated?

For fear that some of the politicians may have an idea that the Headlight is trying to make up a "slate," we will desist from mentioning the names of gentlemen who would make active delegates. We want to see men chosen who stand high in the estimation of the people at home and who are in touch with the administration and can carry some influence at the congressional convention.

As we have stated, this is no time for political friction or a factional fight, for if ever a time occurred in the history of Tillamook when the people should stand on one platform for a common purpose, it is right now. But will they rise to the situation, sink all other differences and come out and stand united for a demand for bar improvements? That, and that only is the issue in Tillamook, and it is a platform upon republicans, democrats, prohibitionists and socialists can unite for the county's benefit.

#### Reciprocity With Canada.

Perhaps there is nothing which the average American citizen takes less interest in than the question of trade reciprocity with Canada, and yet it is a matter of first-class importance, which sooner or later will have to receive very serious consideration. We cannot lose sight of the fact that the Dominion is a very close and intimate neighbor and that while a British possession it is in all other respects virtually American.

We should never lose sight of that fact. We should never forget that in spite of the confessed loyalty of Canada to Great Britain the bottom and controlling feeling, after all, is really American—that is, a sentiment in sympathy with what belongs on this side of the ocean, with what is distinguished from Europeanism. The sentiment of imperialism, of affection for the "mother country," is unquestionably very strong in Canada, but we venture to think that a majority of the Canadian people would if brought to the test, refuse to yield to the least degree the privileges they now enjoy at the behest of the imperial government. That is to say, Canada wants and will insist upon retaining all of the independence she now has, which in effect makes her practically free of Great Britain and to all intents and purposes and complete arbiter of her own destiny.

In this situation Canada must be considered in any relation between that country and the United States. The common thought of course is that the Dominion is a Colony of Great Britain, which is true, but it is something more than this. It has a very distinct autonomy and a government so far independent that it can make its own tariff laws and in nearly every other respect do as it pleases.

In dealing with Canada, therefore, the United States is dealing with a country which, while being a part of the British empire, is practically independent. What, then, should be our policy in respect to trade negotiations? May we not reasonably ask that any arrangement we may make with Canada shall be absolutely free from conditions relating to England? At present Canada makes a preferential tariff in favor of English manufacturers. It is not a legitimate demand that that policy shall be abandoned as a condition to trade reciprocity between the Dominion and the United States?

#### Alaska Homestead Law.

The enactment of the Alaska homestead law will undoubtedly prove of great benefit to that territory. It is reasonably expected to stimulate the increase of population, those familiar with the country asserting that the want of such a law has prevented people going to Alaska for permanent settlement. It is a quite general notion, particularly in the east, that there is little in that territory to invite population and that there is small chance of it ever being much better settled than at present.

It is needless to say that this is an entirely mistaken idea, as the result of investigations by government officials conclusively shows. The fact is that there is a very large area of Alaska that is available for agriculture and it is highly probable that most of this will be taken up under the homestead law within a comparatively few years and a prosperous community established where now there are few people. According to government reports there is a region suitable for agriculture capable of sustaining a very considerable population and where the climate during most of the year is as favorable as in some of our northwestern states. The false impressions which have widely obtained in regard to Alaska are of course largely responsible for the past neglect of congress to make proper provision for the territory, but now that the value of the resources of that country is better understood it will receive the consideration it merits. It is a rich possession, which has already repaid many times what our government paid Russia for it and will continue to contribute liberally to the national wealth.

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#### Quaint Features of Life.

The biggest ballroom in the world is not in any European court, but at government house, Melbourne. At the time it was designed the architect consulted the governor of the period as to its size.

"Do you know anything about ballrooms in other parts of the world?" asked the governor. "Only the one at Buckingham palace," replied the architect. "Then build our ballroom a third bigger than that," said the governor, in lordly fashion. Melbourne folks may be proud of their huge ballroom, but it is a costly luxury to be governor.

Chicago has a novelty in the "straphanger's league," which has already gained 50,000 members and may become an organization of much more than humorous pretensions. While organized as a joke, or rather as a satire, to express the disgust of that large portion of the public that never find seats in street cars, and which demands longer straps to accommodate short men and women, it threatens now to be taken by politicians and made to figure in the coming municipal campaign. The league has already been incorporated.

George H. Vanderbilt has just added to his estate at Asheville, N. C., a small tract of land for which he paid the owner, a negro named Joshua Moore, \$2,250. The land would have been dear at \$50, but the negro refused to sell at a less price he finally received. Moore, wife was the real engineer of the deal with the multi-millionaire. The nine acres which the modern David coveted were deeded to her twenty years ago by Erwin Harly, a white man in whose employ she had been for many years. She had one child—a girl—before she married Moore, and the land was to go to her children. This daughter has just become of age and she wanted the money. Moore would, no doubt, have sold long ago if he could have made title. He says he got only a small portion of the money, his wife and her daughter getting the lion's share.

It is related with pride by the Hays City Republican that at a banquet given by the Masonic bodies of that town one night recently, no less than six gentlemen appeared in the regular evening costume. This was the first function in Hays City at which the spiketail made its appearance. For a number of years there have been men in Hays City who possessed the garments, but they were cloistered sacredly from the local eye, and kept only for use when their owners were eastwardly abroad. But now the ice is broken and no future function in Hays City will be without the swallowtail. As the editor vaunts it: "A final breakaway has been had from the rude period when the ballroom attire of men was composed of boots, spurs, sombrero and six-shooters, and when the height of elegant manners was to invite your girl after every dance to the bar to take a drink." And Hays City is not alone among the western towns in coming to the ways of the east. The same phenomenon is noted for its town by the Anthony Republican, as follows: "The spiketail coats in this town already number eight, although some of the owners lack the courage to wear them at home."

#### Blasts from Ram's Horn.

The broad mind will not have the big head.  
What we gain in form we may lose in force.  
The indulgence of the flesh dwarfs the spirit.  
Misfortunes are God's call to new ministries.  
Stolen fruits are sweet only to a depraved appetite.  
External forms of religion often mark its extinct fires.  
To pander to the lower faculties is to paralyze the higher.  
Some people are planning already to move for a change of administration when they get to heaven.

The latest news received regarding the condition of Former President Steyn, of the Oregon Free State, who has been ill for some time past at Clarens, Switzerland, uses anxiety. Mr Steyn is suffering from insomnia and is subject to fainting fits.

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