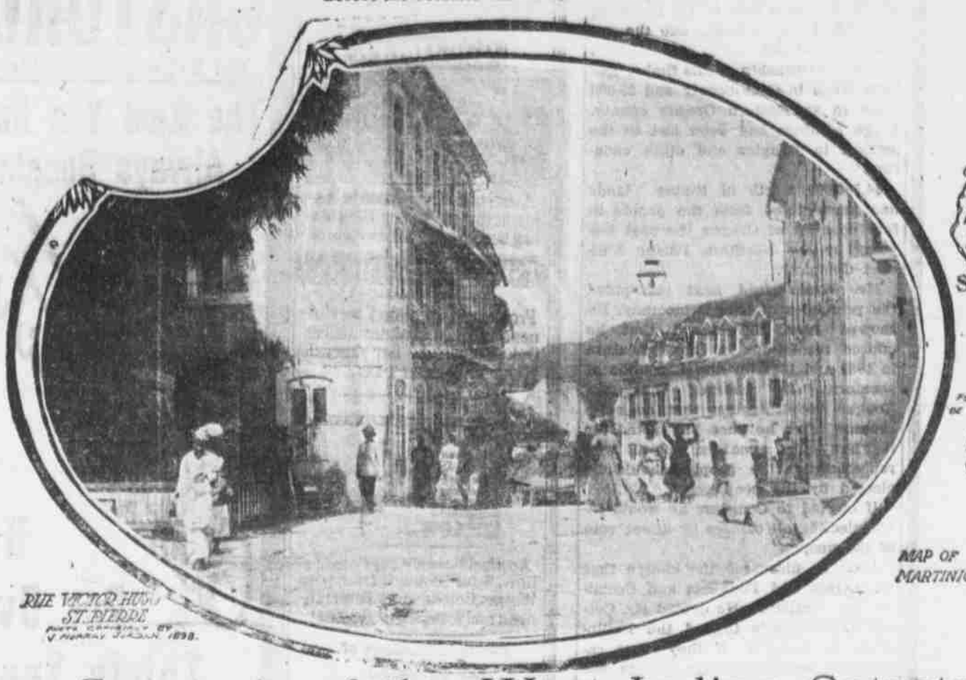
A STREET AS IT WAS

Below is a View of Rue Victor Hugo in St Pierre as it Appeared Before the Terrible Catastrophe of Mount Pelee.



Synopsis of the West Indian Catastrophe

The result of the awful havoc wrought by the volcanic eruption in the West Indies are thus summed up by a correspondent:

Contour of mountain is changed.
Mount Pelee is reduced in height.
Ashes thrown 200 miles.
Day turned into night.
Valleys heaved up into hills.
Sea thrown back from shores.
All Northern Martinique denuded.
St. Pierre totally destroyed.
Sea converted to boiling heat.
Vessels hurled toward the sky.
Boiling lake lost.
Steam shot eight miles high.
Shock felt in Spain.
Over 30,000 lives lost.
Eighteen vessels sunk.
Millions in property destroyed.
30,000 people killed in 30 seconds.
Explosion heard 300 miles.
Pebles rained on towns.
Horses suffocated by gas.
Streets choked with dead.
Islands hidden by smoke.
Many survivors driven insane.
Thousands made homeless.
Black rain descended.
Holes burned in life boats.
Traces of streets obliterated.
One-third of an island burning.
Submarine volcano exploded.
Six refugee boats lost.

COUNTY CANVASS OPENS

Republicans and Democrats At Turner

E. M Croisan Replied to Circular of L. H. McMahan

Frank Davey expressed the hope to continue as we begin, a gentlemanly business discussion, on the Republican county and state and national platforms, which they endorsed. The crowd at Turner would have enjoyed much more hearing him talk than reading the party platform. They stood by Roosevelt in his fight on the trusts and to exclude the Chinese. He declared himself for flat salaries and a closer business administration of our state affairs, and for Direct Nomination of candidates for office. (This latter was applauded.)

Favored creation of a mining bureau as provided in the Republican platform. They were also in entire harmony with the Republican county platform that praises the Republican county and state administration, (the latter being omitted from the state platform.) He read the Republican county platform of 1901, which promised strict economy in state affairs, and to put the county on a cash basis and reduce the county taxes. This pledge had been kept and the county had a cash surplus. The high taxes were due to the high levy caused by increased valuations. Current expenses had been reduced about one-half in this county in five years.

He advocated change of present tax law, so as to be more favorable to the farmers and poorer taxpayers who were now unjustly discriminated against. The present tax law offers a premium early in the spring, and tries to catch him when his money is gone, and he must become delinquent or lose his rebate. It was favorable now only to the rich man. The state now made the farmer who could not pay his tax in the spring, but was assessed a penalty of 12 per cent, while the state asked of the county only 8 per cent. This was a discrimination against those unable to pay early. He then mentioned all the candidates in the familiar style in which he conducts a cake-auction at a church fair. This county was Republican by 500 majority, and yet the opposition talked of carrying this county by 1000 majority for Chamberlain. Will you Republicans do that? (Cries of no.)

He closed with an eloquent eulogy of Wm. J. Furnish, who would give the state the best business administration it has ever had. (Applause.)

E. M. Croisan was warmly received. He said he was in favor of flat salaries, Direct Legislation, Direct Nomination, and a new tax law. He reviewed the McMahan broadside, showing that the law of 1886 made no provision for guards to work vagrants on the county roads, but by an arrangement with the county court he was allowed fees for commitment, out of which he paid the guards. He answered in detail one item after another, explaining each itemized account. If he had wanted to swindle the county he would not have itemized his bills in detail.

Mr. Croisan completely satisfied his hearers as to every detail of his administration and declared he was proud of his record. He charged that Mr. McMahan was not on the taxroll and wanted him to tell the audience where he got the money to make an expensive trip to Europe a few years ago, that must have cost him several thousand dollars?

Squire Farrar was next, and said he favored a direct primary law, and fixed salaries. He didn't like the word flat. It was too near fat. The constitutional salaries were so small as to be almost ridiculous. He showed that he was not a hair-splitting constitutional lawyer. The tax law that gave a 3 per cent rebate to the rich man who had ready money was an outrage on the poor man who had to make it up with a 10 per cent penalty.

The Opposition Opens.

J. B. Dimick opened with a reply on behalf of Mr. McMahan, who was not present. He helped to repeal the vagrant law that was costing Marion county $400 a month. He did not care how McMahan got his money to go to Europe. He said the primaries in Marion county were rotten. They had crawled into control of their county convention by the popularity of Governor Geer, went to Portland, fired a few blank cartridges, and smelled the bunghole of a turncoat Democrat's barrel and surrendered. (Great laughter.) He ridiculed Frank Davey's appeal for patriotism when they had left every man who had served his country off the ticket.

W. T. Slater said he had not pulled off his coat to make it warm for anybody. These local candidates should take up the more immediate needs of the people. He took up the Republican promises of reform two years ago, and showed that while only Republicans were sent to the legislature, and instead of promised reductions the taxes were higher than ever. He showed that while Salem and Marion county had cut their expenses down, the legislature had been wasteful in the extreme. Instead of promised reductions they had been extravagant as never before, and wiped out the local reductions and swelled the expenditures so that state taxes were higher than ever.

He denounced the tax law that allowed the man with ready money a 3 per cent rebate and charged those unable to pay 12 per cent interest on a 10 per cent penalty. He said he favored a Direct Nomination law. Other states had tried this method of naming candidates and were extending it to congressmen and judicial offices. To make the primary day the first day of registration would save time and expense. It would purify the registration. He illustrated the operation of the law by the instance where five men were seeking the nomination for sheriff. All would be watching each other to prevent illegal voting. Direct Nomination was the only straight road to reduction of taxes. He closed with an appeal to elect at least part of the Democratic ticket to watch the Republicans. No confessions of higher taxes and other wrong-doing would be hurled back at them two years hence.

S. Tomlinson, the Mayor of Woodburn, showed himself a better talker than any one suspected. He showed that the Republican and Democratic platforms are almost identical on the Philippines, on tariff, and other matters. He favored regulation of freights and fares of transportation by law, opposed the present tax-collection law as oppressive to labor and favoring the money-lender, advocated precinct assessors, flat salaries and good roads. He advocated the creation of the office of County Road Engineer by the last legislature. Mr. Tomlinson, like all his predecessors, made a good impression.

J. A. Jeffrey, for joint senator, made a pleasant talk on patriotic lines, referring to this being the date of establishing the Cuban republic. (Applause.) No other speaker had remembered this fact and the boy-orator of the opposition, scored a greater hit for the Stars and Stripes than any predecessor. If elected he would give them the benefit of his experience, and he would get $120. He favored Direct Nomination and legislation, and all the reforms mentioned in the platform on which he stood. He showed that over $320,000 was appropriated for normal schools two years ago, while 96 per cent of the people never got any education but from the common schools. (Applause.) Incoming immigration was asking what is your tax rate? What answer could Oregon give? This closed the Democratic speaking.

Ed. T. Judd expressed regret that he was not a lawyer, but only a farmer. It was perhaps a great mistake that no lawyer was put on the Republican ticket. He said the Republicans were not so prolific in promises and could not talk as fast. It was not becoming to the Democrats to denounce the last legislature when they worked hand-in-glove with grafters. The Democrats in the last legislature had refused to live up to and stand as a solid organization against bad legislation. They did not protect the people and, the legislature was worse for their being there. He thought the tax law could be improved and they would make the needed improvements. They would get right on this matter, and it might take time, but they would do it. He denied that there was no difference between the parties on the tariff. There was a great difference who would revise the tariff. The Democrats had done it in 1896, and the laboring people knew the result.

Frank Davey closed the debate for the Republicans, and the meeting was a pleasant and successful one.

At Jefferson.

The Democrats and Republicans held a joint meeting at Jefferson Tuesday night, both parties being represented by prominent politicians of Marion county. The meeting was opened by Squire Farrar and others, who spoke as follows: Mr. Judd, who showed his colors as a woman suffragist; Mr. Croisan, Mr. Kay, Mr. Slater, Mr. LaFollet, L. H .McMahan, J. A. Jeffrey, Mr. Dimick and Mr. Davey.

Some lively discussions took place, and the crowd was the largest Jefferson has had for some time.

The Jefferson band furnished some fine music before the meeting.

A Socialist meeting will be held in Jefferson Wednesday night.

Slower Than Ever.

Boston Transcript.

"What's become of old Polk?" asked the visitor to his native village. "He's so slow I suppose he's still here."

"Yes, but he doesn't let the grass grow under his feet any more," replied the postmaster.

"He doesn't, eh?"

"No; it grows over him now. He's dead."

Fearing that there will not be quite so much money in circulation under a better system, the Gervais Star refers to direct nomination meetings under the head "Demonstrations being made at Salem, and elsewhere by certain worn-out politicians."

Evening papers on the Pacific coast have the advantage of the telegraph being swifter than the movements of the universe.

It is hardly denied that W. J. Furnish secured his nomination because he had more money than Geer had.

Grandma Kuykendoodle is having quite a chase to be returned to the state senate from Lane county.

Outdoor Art Work.

Miss Lilian Baln has begun to organize her classes for outdoor work in oils and charcoal. Those who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity for study from nature can do so by calling on her at the residence of Mrs. P. B. Strong, No. 77 Commercial street. 31*

AFTER TONGUE'S SCALP

Jas. K. Weatherford on the Campaign.

The Fourth Man to Try for the District Honors

(Editorial Correspondence.)

Scio, May 21.—After listening, with other Salemites, to the opening of the Marion county canvass at Turner, I drove over to Scio, to hear J. K. Weatherford make a speech in his canvass against Thomas H. Tongue.

Hon. Samuel L. Hayden, of Salem, would probably have been the Democratic nominee for congress in this district, if he had lived. One of the last conversations he had with this writer but a few days before his demise was on this subject, and it was one of his cherished ideas to go before the people for that office, if a favorable opportunity should present itself for an independent man of the people. Next to Mr. Hayden in the affections of the Democratic party in this district stands Mr. Weatherford, of Albany. He has canvassed the district before, and is very widely and favorably known.

J. K. Weatherford is the Democratic nominee for Congress in this district against Thos. H. Tongue, the Republican congressman, and renominated for a fourth term. Both are lawyers and men of more than average ability in the profession and as campaigners. Both have served in the state legislature, sitting in the senate together. In 1896 Tongue ran against Vanderburg, Populist, and Jeff Myers, Democrat, and had a small plurality over Vanderburg, who started a contest on the grounds of illegal count, but abandoned the contest. In 1898 Col. Bob Veatch was the Democratic nominee, and in 1900 Dr. B. Daly, of Lakeview, made the race to defeat.

This year the ablest Democratic campaigner in this congressional district is putting up a very vigorous fight. Mr. Weatherford was national grand lodge representative from the Oregon Odd Fellows, and is a member of other fraternal orders.

He was not well for several weeks after his nomination. He was then called to Eastern Oregon on an important lawsuit, and has been able to canvass the district only about a month, but has made a vigorous canvass, and has strong assurances of success.

Mr. Weatherford opened his argument at Scio with the arraignment of Mr. Tongue on the ground that he had subordinated the river and harbor interests of this district to the transcontinental railroads and Columbia river improvements.

He argued that such interests ought not prevent the improvement of Coos bay, Yaquina bay, Tillamook and the Willamette river, and it was a congressman's first duty to lend assistance to his own constituents. Mr. Tongue was more a congressman for Portland than his own people.

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