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REPUBLICAN TICKET

STATE.

For Justice of the Supreme Court
F. A. MOORE.For State Food and Dairy Commissioner,
J. W. BAILEY.For Presidential Electors,
J. M. HART,

JAS. A. FEE,

GRANT B. DIMICK,

A. C. HOUGH.

CONGRESSIONAL.

For Member of Congress—First District,
BINGER HERMANN.Second District,
J. N. WILLIAMSON.

MARION COUNTY TICKET.

County Judge—John H. Scott,
Sheriff—W. J. Culver.

Clerk—John W. Roland.

Assessor—Fred J. Rice.

Treasurer—W. Y. Richardson.

Recorder—John C. Sigmund.

School Supt.—E. T. Moores.

Commissioner—I. C. Needham.

Surveyor—B. H. Herlick.

Coroner—A. M. Clough.

Representatives—Jos. Calvert, Hubbard; J. G. Graham and T. B. Kay.

Salem; John Ritchie, Scott's Mills; Jesse H. Settlemeier, Woodburn.

COMMITTEEMEN.

Chairman State Central Committee—Frank C. Baker, Portland.

Chairman Congressional Central Committee—Walter L. Tooze, Woodburn.

Member State Central Committee—Hal D. Patton, Salem.

Chairman County Central Committee—Chas. A. Murphy, Salem.

ABOUT THE CENSUS.

Some one signing himself "Candor" prints the following in the Salem Statesman about the proposed census: "Your evening contemporary asserts that there will be no official census of Salem taken until 1910, and advocates taking a bogus one now. The state law provides for the taking of a census of its inhabitants in 1905, one year from now, when an official census of Salem will be taken and published. What is the use of lying when you cannot deceive?"

If the person writing the above would sign his name like an honest man he would probably be shown to be a chronic kicker, who has had all the benefits of this community, and dodged paying taxes all his life.

He will probably be found to be some person who has drawn thousands of dollars out of the public treasury, and has never encouraged one step of progress in any direction.

The state law provides for taking a census by the assessor in 1905, but, as a matter of fact and practice, such a census has never been taken of cities or counties under the state law.

The assessor is not prepared to take such a census, and why should the taxpayers of Marion county pay for a census of any city, anyhow?

"Candor" misrepresents intentionally in the above, as he conveys the idea that a census will be taken of this city by the assessor in 1905, when the county court has ordered no such expense incurred.

If "Candor" will come out like a decent person, who has the good of the community at heart, and give his name and street address, there is not a member of the Salem Press Club who can hold a candle to him at lying.

What he fears is an honest, complete census of Salem, and the revelation that for the privilege of making money in the second city in Oregon he has never returned anything but "fooling his own nest."

THE RUSSIAN WAR SITUATION.

Will China take a hand in the war? Will any of the great nations of Europe become involved?

These are the questions asked by

many a reader of those stirring events that are taking place in Asia between Russia and Japan.

Under the firm rulership of the Japanese Emperor, it is not likely that China will become involved. China regards neither as a friend.

The coalition of Norway, Sweden and Denmark in joint terms of neutrality is very significant.

That would indicate that either England or Germany—more likely the latter—proposes to take a hand against Russia.

The weaker nations unite to protect themselves against the strife of those mighty combatants.

The Russian navy will be destroyed as fast as it is taken into the Asiatic waters, and Russia cannot desist from sending her ships there.

Russia will never be able to land an army on Japanese soil, unless it is done by means of flying machines, and the Japs would find means to destroy them as fast as they would light on the ground.

THE DEMOCRATIC DIFFICULTY.

While Republicans generally are satisfied with the Roosevelt administration and proud of their candidate and united in his support, the Democratic party cannot agree on its leadership or policies.

Mention the prominent candidates for President on the Democratic ticket before a handful of Democrats, and immediately they will say this man is unfit or that one will never be elected, or "I'll vote for Roosevelt before I will ever vote for that man as Democratic nominee."

How can they hope to elect a president under the jarring and wrangling between the Cleveland and Bryan factions? Bryan boldly declares that he will not support ten of the planks of the New York Democratic platform.

Yet it is almost a moral certainty that New York Democrats will name the platform and candidates. The minds of the Democratic party have not cleared nor become settled as to men or policies.

For this reason many Democrats are quietly making up their minds to vote for Roosevelt for President, and their party newspapers are moving heaven and earth, politically, to prevent a wholesale stampede to Teddy. That is why the Democratic newspapers are full of abuse of the President.

HOW SILVER WAS VOTED DOWN.

This paper has several times stated that the people of the United States have twice voted down free coinage of silver.

As a matter of fact, the election of McKinley twice over Bryan amounted to that in effect and as a practical result.

But McKinley's first election was accomplished on a platform declaring that bimetalism could be better accomplished by an international agreement.

Many Republicans voted for McKinley believing that their party had a better plan for establishing bimetalism than was offered by Bryan.

McKinley's re-election was in the face of a foreign war, and the question was again shunted so as to prevent a fair and square issue.

But it was the paramount issue for all practical purposes—probably as squarely presented as in human and political probabilities it could be.

The increased volume of gold poured in from the Klondyke and South Africa helped the situation and God and Good Luck were on the side of the Republicans as usual. But as a matter of principle, the financial problem is not yet solved, and it is doubtful if it ever will be.

TO CANVASS, OR NOT TO CAN-

VASS.

It is understood that there is a great deal of talk in that direction, that

there will be no joint canvass this year in Marion county.

The Republicans argue that they are always furnishing the crowds for the opposition to talk to, and to trade off part of their ticket.

The Democrats say they will challenge the Republicans to a joint canvass, and insist that they ought to debate the issue with them.

If there is not the usual joint campaign there will be more of a newspaper campaign than ever before, though the Democrats are weakest in that respect, having no paper but the Jefferson Review.

The matter is not yet settled, but will have to be considered by the Republican county central committee when it meets about May 1st.

The Journal believes that the people generally would prefer a joint canvass, where they can see and hear the candidates.

The question of a joint county canvass is always discussed about this time, and generally results in holding the old-fashioned pow-wow.

THE OLD HORSE.

(Albany Herald.)

Some interest has attached to the proposition to sell the old horses belonging to the Portland fire department. They have served for many years and outlived their usefulness in this strenuous work. But in their time their service was well given, and the faithful work of the years has earned more than the privileges of the sale block.

Every person of sense admires a beautiful horse in the strength and beauty of his earlier days.

The saddest thing to a lover of the horse is to see this noble animal in his declining years sold for a trifle and condemned to a period of underfed and overbeaten existence, when green pastures and repose have by all the laws of justice and fitness been earned.

A great city can afford to do better than this by its faithful horses.

While the capacity to enjoy living remains these old horses should be turned out in pasture. When they begin to fail, the merciful blow that is their end can be given.

The Idaho man who used dynamite in such a case is perhaps a trifle advanced in his thinking.

But the laws relating to cruelty to animals are not enforced as they should be.

Something ought to be done to prevent "docking."

Sense and sentiment are doing much to settle this question.

Sense and sentiment will do something for the relief of the true old horses, who are replaced in the natural order of things, but who should not be given over to a dubious existence under the taskmaster who is looking for a cheap horse. Sometimes he is a Chinese. No Chinese ought to have the right to drive a horse.

The Chinese idea is all wrong for this purpose.

This noble servant of man is more than a chattel, and in his declining years is entitled to comfort and peace.

NO CHURCH AND STATE.

A church conference at McMinnville recently adopted practically a whole political platform.

They did not say they would support any political party but they might as well have said it.

To carry all their programs into effect they would have to have control of every department of the government.

Then they would have to have the power of a czar and the wisdom of the Almighty to improve the government as it now exists.

And yet these people that resolve to do all these things are a mere fraction of the Christian people of the country—not one-tenth.

In all countries where the church dominates the public policies, the cause of the Christian religion is weak and the government corrupt.

Russia is a type of complete church-and-state—a religious and political despotism. Other European countries are nearly as bad.

Political freedom and personal liberty and liberty of conscience exist only in proportion as church and state are completely divorced.

The world has been deluged in blood in the past by the attempts of ecclesiastical power to usurp the civil authority.

But there are even alleged Christian people who cannot read history to any purpose and would restore the despotism of the past ages.

Several more of the weekly papers have adopted the size and style of The Journal as to pages, and they are neat and convenient for readers and advertisers. It will soon be known as the Oregon style, in place of the old Oregon Mercury style.

Boise News: It is reported that the Clear has removed his Far Eastern viceroy. The Japs removed his admiral the other day.

X-RADIUMS

There is no use for the council to persist in their efforts to make Salem a dry town, as long as we have Waters.

A good rule to follow—never criticize unless you can excel.

The Glee Club's "Oregon, Wet Oregon," has the DeMoss song faded several degrees, "Ain't It the Truth."

Did Mrs. Winslow furnish the soothing syrup for "our babies" during her absence from home.

The Woodburn Independent has once more declared Geo. C. Brownell dead and buried politically. That has got to be a chestnut. Chances are that Geo. could run for office in that town and beat the man who wrote that.

The Gervais Star, edited by W. J. Clarke, Republican postmaster in that town thinks it would be about right to elect F. X. Matthieu to the legislature on the Democratic ticket.

A man may be removed from the face of the earth as a political availability and yet be a good and useful citizen.

Would it not have been political wisdom, from a financial standpoint for the Oregon delegation to have instructed for Hearst? Their expenses to Chicago would have been paid anyhow, and possibly enough to get home with.

It is too bad about Hobson running for congress. But perhaps his opponent, Bankhead, stole his tactics and "kissed his way through," "way down in Alabama."—Astorian.

Fit subject for sympathy—the man who had his head all shot to pieces by constant contemplation of himself as "IT."

Louis F. Barlow—a few years ago voted for as candidate for U. S. senator, now dead and but scantily noticed in the newspapers. That is the way of mortal man. So soon is he gone and forgotten.

Was there a combine at Woodburn between those who wanted drinks and those who wanted to run cows at large? Anyway, combination carried at the recent city election.

Judge T. L. Davidson, President of the Salem Board of Education, has a blank verse poem in this paper on war that deserves a great deal of careful study. The judge is an exponent of the philosophy of peace.

"Pshaw!" she exclaimed, impatiently "I'm sure we'll miss the first act. 'We've waited a good many minutes for that mother of mine.' 'Hours, I should say,' he retorted, rather crossly. 'Our? Oh, George!' she cried, and laid her blushing cheek upon his shirt front."—Ex.

Considering that this is presidential year, the crop of big strikes is maturing slowly.

Baker City is quite afflicted with diphtheria and politics. Sam White is still at large.

Oregon needs—immigration and irrigation.

Col. Bob Veatch is as good a man as the Democrats could possibly put up to make the race against Binger Hermann for Congress. It was purely a political formality.

If we don't want the officials to graft the community, what's the matter with the newspapers stopping the grafting of candidates?

Jack Richie of Scott's Mills is only a plain Quaker and as a candidate for the legislature some of the rest of the gang will have to do the beer-drinking and cigar-smoking act for him. Neither will he swear, but just affirm. He has been there and helped skin all kinds of political game, having been a member of the legislature and a member of the constitutional convention of the Dakotas. He has not only helped make the laws but has helped make the thing without which laws are impossible. In fact, for a plain farmer, Richie is a pretty well informed man to send to the legislature.

The railroad people operating in Oregon caught onto the situation just in time to hear something drop.

According to the Democrat man, ladies do not age very fast in Albany, nor lose their voices. He says:

"Just 24 years ago the Democrat man saw the presentation of Queen Esther in this city. The queen

Esther of that occasion was the Naomi of this one, and her voice is as clear and pleasant now as then.

Portland papers have a pretty weak and flabby lot of political cartoons of late.

It is the irony of fate that Verest-chagin, the painter who endlessly struggled for peace by painting the horrors of war, should have been on board the Petropavlovsk when she went to the bottom in one of the most tragic events of the war.

It is every man's duty to exert an influence in this world for good. We cannot do much in this line with those who are already good, or too good. The custom of a lot of people getting in a little circle of goodness, and allowing no one to associate with them but the good and pure, is a fallacy. When the Saviour told Levi, the Publican, to follow him, he followed, but first invited the Saviour to his house to a banquet. Then the goodly-goods said: "He eats with publicans and sinners."

And the Saviour asked them who needed the physician, anyway, the sick or the well? The old teaching to associate only with the good, and keep yourself from contact with anything but the pure and holy is not sound philosophy, and will not bear the close scrutiny of experience.

Even the poor man can vote at the school election this year. By the action of the freak legislature there is no exemption for the householder, and everybody who has \$100 worth of furniture, horse, cows, democrat wagon, or even a wife worth anything is on the assessment rolls, or ought to be, and will have a vote at the school elections. The rich man has had almost a monopoly of voting at school elections in cities like Salem for some years. This year it will be different. People of small means and large families will have a vote, as well as the others.

Lebanon Criterion: The fact that Hermann gained in strength all the time is ample evidence that all the people needed was to think upon the matter to decide to keep an experienced man at the helm. That he will be elected by a rousing majority there is no doubt. His campaign will be under the direct supervision of Hon. Walter L. Tooze, of Woodburn, who was elected chairman of the congressional committee. Mr. Tooze is no amateur as a campaign manager, and, with the assistance of loyal Republicans, will send his candidate back to congress with an endorsement that cannot be misunderstood.

A newspaper that is afraid to "speak right out in meeting," and gives its opinion candidly and frankly, and hold to it, even though the paper must suspend publication, is not fit for any one to subscribe for, read, or even wrap up dog meat in. The editor should be a "man or a mouse."—Ex.

Or what's the matter with a mule?—Marshfield Mail.

The frost last night is not indicative of the fate of the Oregon Republican ticket. The politics of this state and county has not bloomed out enough yet to feel any kind of a frost. The political fruit crop will be well set and have an abundant yield in spite of any disaster that may come now or later.

All the cities in Oregon want to be the second city in the state. They all seem to be afraid that Salem will have an official census, and show that it is the second city. The Albany Democrat says:

"The Salem papers want another official census. Better not take it. It will not show up as the blanket claims do."

Salem is not afraid. If Salem is not the second city in the state let the fact be known. Salem can't be hurt by misrepresentation. Salem has been officially misrepresented for 20 years or more, and her population can stand it. The facts can't hurt anyone. Let the truth about our population be known.

Ninety-seven Oregon newspapers have mentioned the fact that they have received government garden seeds for free distribution.—Medford Mail.

The above needs some explanation. Everybody should understand that as the people have not yet a direct vote on United States Senators, the press, as the great lever of public opinion, is the influence that makes United States Senators. And until the people get the right to have a direct vote, the press will have to perform this humble service of filling the United States Senate with the ablest and brainiest statesmen of our commonwealth. Of course, the time will come when the newspapers will be

AMONG THE
MAGAZINES

Everybody's for May is still the queen of ten cent magazines. The articles are all fresh and have the racy, inviting and appetizing quality that tempts wandering all through its pages before sitting down to devour them one by one. The Ridgeway-Thayer Co., Union Square, New York, are receiving congratulations on turning a new leaf in magazines.

The International Quarterly has fourteen star articles, including papers by great writers and specialists taking one into the domain of literature, history, and political economy in Belgium, Ireland, China, Germany, England, Italy, Mexico and Panama. There is not a more refreshing and stimulating review than this one published at Burlington, Vermont, and 542 Fifth Avenue, New York \$4.00 per year \$1.00 per number.

The May Pearson's contains another paper by Mr. Henry George, Jr. in his series of Modern Methods of "Finance"—The Shipbuilding Trust; an account of Thomas Nast's first trip abroad in the interests of his paper, by Mr. Albert Bigelow Paine, in the Nast memoirs; a timely article on Japan and Korea, by Mr. Colgate Baker; the story of Forsyth and the Rough Riders of '68, by Dr. Townsend Brady; and The Birth of Great Trees, by G. Clarke Nuttall, B. S. The short stories are—The Super and the Sign, by F. E. Stearns; The Bitter Bit, by D. F. Seton-Carruthers; Breast of Light, by Edward Stratton Holloway; The Fight in the Ghostly Hollow, in the King and Queen of Smugglers Series, by Halliwell Sutcliffe, and Time's Blunder, by Chris Sewell—all well illustrated.

Pearson's Talks with Players this month give chats with Grace George, Jessie Busley, Eleanor Robson and Ethel Barrymore. The article is illustrated with sketches from life. Home Notes has a page on Basket-making, the usual fashion articles and puzzle columns.

Wonderland for 1904.

This annual publication of the Northern Pacific railway is more beautiful than ever before and is beyond question the most artistic handbook for advertising the attractions of this road that has ever been published. It contains thousands of facts of interest and hundreds of pictures that are in themselves more interesting than almost anything that can be said about them. Copies of this work can be had by enclosing postage, six cents, on application to Chas. S. Fee, general passenger agent at St. Paul, or A. D. Charlton assistant general passenger agent, Portland, Oregon.

Russian-Japanese Atlas.

The Chicago and Northwestern railroad has published a very complete atlas of the seat of war, showing railway and steamship lines and connections, cities, towns and rivers, mountains and seas of Japan, Russia, Korea, Manchuria, China and Siberia. There is also a map of the world thrown in for good measure, and there is a marginal index to the whole series, which are neatly bound up about 12x16 inches and beautifully printed in colors. Send ten cents in stamps to A. G. Barker, general agent, 152 Third street, Portland, Or., and secure a copy as he has only a few thousand left.

deprived of this monopoly of electoral senators. But until they do it is only right and proper that as such levers and molders of the national destinies they receive some compensation, and what could be more appropriate and useful than to receive a package of garden seeds? This is a ticklish subject with some editors who do not like to have the impression go out that they are in any way bribed or influenced in reaching a conclusion as to who it a proper man for senator of the United States. That impression does not get out sometimes, but as the seeds are given away and not sold, the charge is hurled back, at least so far as the untrammelled index of the public pulse is concerned.

Isn't it about time to quit asking the ladies to give 10-cent teas to raise funds to build parks and public libraries? This city is big enough, rich enough, and intelligent enough to do things in about the same way other progressive American communities do them, and levy a tax on all the property of the community for those things that all the community will get the benefit of. But that might be too Socialistic, too Democratic, too Republican, for people who are for nothing but the Almighty dollar, and are not too particular how they get it.