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A CAMPAIGN OF MINISTERIAL RADICALISM.

The nomination of Rev. Silas C. Swallow of Pennsylvania by the Prohibition party for President means a campaign of REDHOT MINISTERIAL RADICALISM.

Bro. Swallow is noted for calling black names and saying a saloon is a drunkard factory and that saloonkeepers are the children of the devil and brewers are arch-fiends, and such like choice vernacular.

Like Elijah (pardon the blasphemy,) Dowie HE HAS A BURNING, BLISTERING ROARING VOICE OF CONDEMNATION for all who do not walk in the straight and narrow path and drink what he does.

He sets up a standard of righteousness and bows down before it and says, behold the holy and perfect man that I am, sinless and spotless, and all who do not come up to my standard are unfit to inhabit the earth.

He gathers his robes of priestly severity about him and proceeds to forget the divine injunction to not shed others in condemnation, and to judge not lest ye be judged.

But the world is still full of the "unco good" as the Post-Buras calls them, the "ungodly good," who with microscopic eyes search for the blemishes on their brother man and then point the sinister finger of scorn at him and say with withering affectation of superiority and pharisaism "Thou art the man," Scot!

But the national platform of the Prohibitionists contains A VERITABLE CLOUDBURST OF RADICALISM.

Starting in with absolute prohibition of all but cold water, it winds up with a reference to the creation of a diseased ministerial imagination, "the unspeakable traffic in girls by the MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF ALMOST ALL OF OUR CITIES."

What a brass band insult to American civilization, to say nothing of stretching the fact a million or two.

On top of mental and moral qualifications for the voters—and the ministerial party to be the judges of those qualifications—AN ABSOLUTE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PULPIT IN POLITICS—they demand woman suffrage.

They endorse the Initiative and Referendum which opens the door to the submission of all the "wheel" propositions outside the asylums for the feeble-minded, and a number of other "isms and ologies."

And amid shoutings and prayers and amens and glory hallelujahs they raised a campaign fund of \$40,000.

Utterly ignorant of the fact that our government can never unite church and state, and that it is no more proper to have a minister of one church than a clergyman of another for President of the United States, they roast the Mormons for polygamy, and denounce about everything under the sun as immoral and irreligious EXCEPT THEIR OWN CONCEPTION OF SIDE-SADDLE POLITICS.

One of the most brilliant declarations is in "favor of the application of uniform laws for all our country and dependencies."

That would apply the Alaska seal laws to Omaha, and the regulations for driving caribou carts in the Philippines to American automobiles, and would extend the unholy practice of paying a salary to the Sultan of Sulu.

While it does not say so, the platform virtually declares for the strict enforcement of Sunday laws, and the whole contraption would leave the individual about as much liberty as would have been granted to AN ARIZONA COWBOY AT LARGE UNDER THE BLUE LAWS OF CONNECTICUT.

Cannot the rational friends of temperance see that such extravagances proposed as a basis for government under free institutions cannot be accepted under the thin guise of favoring the cause of "God and morality?"

Under an intelligent system of general education the American people will gradually become the soberest people on earth—they already are—under the leadership of the misguided minister of the gospel of peace, posing as the guide to the spiritual kingdom, they will split it out.

The American conception of free government is one unhampered by any religious interference on the one hand or by puritanical bigotry on the other.

THE WHOLE TREND OF PROHIBITIONISM IS TO DESTROY POLITICAL LIBERTY AND FREE INSTITUTIONS.

FRITTERED AWAY HIS CHANCES. Under the caption "Frittered away his chances" The Dallas Times Moun-

taineer, a leading Democratic paper of the state says:

"Alton B. Parker will not be the next President of the United States, for he has thrown away his chances of election by an unwise and untimely expression."

"When Judge Parker was nominated by the St. Louis convention his chances of election were bright. He was assured of the solid south, and had a good show to carry New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Wisconsin, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Nevada and Washington, but now it is extremely doubtful if he carries the solid south, and it is quite evident he will not carry an outside state except it be Colorado."

"There is no question that the American people as a rule have lost confidence in President Roosevelt. They look upon him as one who would rather make a monarchy of the United States or a military government than to perpetuate it as a free republic, and were ready to place in the Presidential chair even an autocrat like Parker than to re-elect an imperialist of the Roosevelt stripe. But when Judge Parker sought to be the whole thing, after he had been nominated, and undertook to dictate what the platform that had already been adopted should contain or stand for, he alienated the rank and file of Americans. Had he accepted the platform as it was adopted and acquiesced in the judgment of the majority his election would have been possible, but when he attempted to set himself up as a dictator he lost the friendship of those who had accepted him as the lesser of two evils and would have elected him in November."

THE BANNER CAPITAL CITY OF THE COAST.

The Correspondence committee of the Greater Salem Commercial club will doubtless want to tell their eastern friends some facts about Salem and why it is easily the banner Capital City of the Pacific coast.

Salem is located in the heart of the great Willamette valley and for 25 miles in every direction you can drive through the richest agricultural and fruit growing region in the world.

There are at least ten money crops produced here that go to make Salem the center of prosperity and industry every day in the year and every year in the century. These crops are grains, hay, potatoes, prunes, apples, hops, wool, mohair, cattle and hogs, to say nothing of cannery products like strawberries, cherries, other small fruits, and the products of the fisheries and the mines, and timber and sawmill products.

It is rarely that any crops fail, and when one of or more of them do fail, there is plenty left to turn into money, and hence here is a land of sunshine and showers where hard times don't come very often.

Nearly all the state institutions, like the asylum for the insane, state prison, reform school, deafmute school and blind school, state fair and state capital are located at Salem, and three-quarters of a million are spent annually in support of them, the city claims no special advantage on account of this, except that it makes the city a great financial center, with strong banks and an abundance of capital among the people.

As a result of this the people of Salem have been able to adopt the popular loan plan of floating and funding all their indebtedness of a public character. City and school district bonds are all placed among the people, in small amounts, from \$50 to \$300, on four per cent bonds, none of these bonds being sold to banks or syndicates.

The city and school district and county are on a cash basis, have strictly economic business administrations, and it can honestly be said that the graft has been cut to the quick. As a result they have clean and progressive governments.

The city of Salem by a recent census has a population in its several wards of 13,287 people.

A few miles north of the city is located the Salem Industrial Indian Training school, a government institution that trains and educates about six hundred young people from the Indian nations extending from Alaska to Mexico.

Of course, Salem has abundance of colleges and schools. The city has a public school system with a full twelve-year high school course.

The city stands on a site on the banks of the Willamette river, has lines of steamers running summer and winter, is on the main line of the Southern Pacific railway between Portland and San Francisco, has a mild climate, and almost entire absence of cold and hot weather.

There is no snow or freezing in winter, exceptions being rare to this than in Florida, but our winters are rainy and to many people disagreeable. But our rainfall is about 42 inches, the same as northern Iowa, only it doesn't come down in floods.

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The summers are dry, but the soil holds moisture so that all crops are made without irrigation.

The city of Salem has a progressive city administration, and a model city government. The electric street car lines run in all directions and are in process of being extended to some of the outlying fruit-growing districts, that are being rapidly laid off in five and ten acre home tracts.

The city has electric light and gas works, a first-class water system and fire protection and all the conveniences of modern civilization, such as lodges, churches, hospitals and sewerage.

The city has a morning and evening newspaper with fine telegraphic reports. There are stages running in all directions and ten free rural mail deliveries.

Salem has letter carriers and three daily mails by trains each way. There are a number of hotels and one large first-class hotel with about 150 rooms.

Salem is the center of trade and commercial interests for the three counties of Marion, Polk and Yamhill. There are woolen mills, sawmills, prune packing warehouses, meat packing houses, and a large retail trade.

From a sanitary standpoint, Salem has one of the finest, if not the finest climate in the world—especially in summer, when the nights are cool, and there are no mosquitoes or gnats.

There are no cyclones, tornadoes, waterspouts, or earthquakes. Thunderstorms and electric storms, or injury by lightning, hail, or windstorms are almost unknown.

The climate is very fine for all kinds of people, young and old, and children who have the freedom of the open air a great deal have almost no sickness whatever.

Fruit is so abundant and cheap that the poorest people can have an abundance for picking it and everyone with any land at all can grow all they want. Eastern people who starve their children from fruit should come out where all the children have all they want and apples and cherries grow unmolested along the roadside. There is an abundance of fish and game in season and hunting and fishing and going into the mountains and to the seashore are the pleasures of the common people, and not reserved for the wealthy alone.

SALEM THE CENTER OF A GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

By the sterling energy, enterprise and good business common sense of our present county officials, Salem is being made the center of a great good roads movement.

County Judge Scott and Commissioners Needham and Miley are wide awake men and are building broken rock roads in many parts of the county. They have bought rock crushers, steam rollers and the most improved graders and road machinery, and what is better, are using them.

A fine crushed rock road has been constructed from Salem south towards Jefferson and Sidney, through the rich fruit belt of Liberty and Rosedale.

By an act of the legislature the first macadamized highway is being constructed by convict labor from Salem six miles southeast to the state reform school and deaf mute school.

That road is graded up as fine as the roadbed of any double-track railroad, with a perfectly level grade, and straight side lines and ditches, and is to be covered with broken rock.

There is not a better piece of highway on the Pacific coast than this state road, constructed under the direction of Governor Chamberlain, and the broken rock roads built by the county, assisted by the farmers and the business men of this city, who subscribed liberally.

County Judge Scott is president of the Good Roads League of this state, and has been recognized by the national association and the department of agriculture as an authority on this great reform.

Under the leadership of such men, Salem and Marion county have gained an enviable distinction as the most progressive and enterprising communities in the state.

Property in this city, and in all the adjoining country, is feeling the benefit of good roads. Finer vehicles and automobiles are coming into general use. People want to live in a country where they can travel easily, and the old regime of mud in winter, and dust in summer, is being rapidly done away with.

Good roads improve all kinds of business and increase improvements in the country. They stimulate the pride of the people in their homes and more beautiful surroundings.

Broadly speaking, there is easily an advantage of 50 per cent in locating in a good roads community, over one with the old-fashioned unimproved dirt roads.

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them, and the city and county are racing with each other in promoting good roads.

RAILROAD EXTENSION.

The committee of Salem business men on a subsidy for the extension of the electric line to Liberty are meeting with some encouragement.

Mayor Waters liberally heads the subscription list with \$500, and others are willing to do the right thing by this drive after business.

All the money expended for building this line will be expended for labor, and will come right back to our city.

It will improve the chances for business success of every business house and hotel in this city, and help the railroads and steamboats.

Only one large business man met by the committee absolutely refused to help a dollar, and even argued against the extension.

The same man argued that the Dallas road would not be worth much to Salem, unless a steel bridge was built and the cars run into the city on this side of the river.

That is simply the deliberate bluff of one man who wants to make the enterprise an impossibility. That has been the method of certain interests at Salem to thwart every attempt to get another railroad.

But Mayor Waters and his committee will not be bluffed off in that way. The Dallas railroad and the Liberty extension are possibilities, and cannot be defeated by any one firm of individual.

Let every man, woman and child who has the interest of Salem at heart push and pull for the Liberty and Dallas car lines, and we will get them. Let the younger and active business men of Salem take hold with a will.

SALEM THE CENTER OF A GREAT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

The beautiful capital city of Oregon, situated in the heart of the most productive and varied industries, is in the midst of a transportation expansion that is approaching a veritable boom.

The Citizen's Light & Traction Co. has a force of men constructing a standard gauge loop to the state fair grounds, that will enable them to handle the immense state fair crowds by a continuous car service.

The same company are engaged in an extension to Liberty and Rosedale, three miles south, which will make that rich prune growing section known as the Red Hills suburban property.

The Dallas, Falls City & Salem standard gauge railroad is half built, and, as fast as the right of way can be secured, will be built to Salem, and will make the city of West Salem what East Portland is to Portland.

Surveys are completed and right-of-way secured for a double-track electric line from Oregon City to Salem, with through cars in fifty minutes between those points.

The rich and populous Willamette valley, and it will easily sustain four times the people who are here now, will be covered with a perfect network of transportation lines, just as Southern California is already.

An electric line to the Santiam mines, where three stamp mills are going in this fall, and where thousands of dollars of development work are being carried on by Marion county capitalists, will be built within a few years. These are transportation things actually doing at Salem.

Salem has already all the advantages of being on the main line of the peerless Southern Pacific, which has besides three lines of road paralleling the Willamette valley north and south.

In water transportation Salem has daily steamer lines on the Willamette operated by the O. R. & N. Co. and the Oregon City Transportation Co.

An independent steamer has been built, and will be operated between Salem and Independence and the smaller towns up and down the river.

All these facts show which way the wind is blowing. A rapidly growing city, spreading out in all directions, is attracting capital and enterprise, and transportation companies are quick to realize that there is being established here a great and thrifty center of business, population and industries.

When writing to your friends in the East call their attention to these facts and ask them to come to the Capital City and see for themselves.

It is the pride of every American that this country is today the leader in the world's civilization, progress and power. It is worth while for the voter and the student of politics to give a moment's thought to what portion of this progress has been achieved under Democratic administrations.

"How far away are the stars?" asks a magazine writer. We do not know exactly, but they are not so far away as a Democratic victory in the nation.

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X-RADIUMS

Democratic issues never live to be four-year-olds.

Parker's campaign slogan, "In dodge I trust."

The country is not yet ready to forget the four years of Cleveland disaster between 1893 and 1897.

The Democratic banners will probably bear the letters "p. d. q." during the campaign, Parker, Davis and quit.

Voters are invited by the Republican party to study its record; the Democrats earnestly hope that their's may be forgotten.

What a fix the Democratic party would be in if its leaders followed the Japanese plan of committing suicide when they make mistakes.

Rev. Booser has resigned as pastor of a Portland church. He should have the legislature change that name before returning to the ministry.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon declares that "We Move On" is the Republican motto. "We Want On" is about the only proposition upon which the warring factions of Democracy can unite.

Where the Turner camp meeting and the Fourth of July failed to bring rain, a little touch of Jack Frost brought almost immediate results. There were frosts on the 13th, and it rained on the 14th.

Democratic managers are now telling what they expect their party to do under wise leadership. It would certainly be a novel experience to the rank and file to find themselves under wise leadership.

"The way we test the quality of our whisky," averred a Kentucky wine traveler recently, "is to inject one drop into the vein of a rabbit, and if after that the rabbit will not fight a bulldog the whisky is no good."

A newspaper is discussing the

feasibility of public officials eating cheaper food and wearing cheaper clothes as a measure of reform. It would be a good plan for all kinds of people to eat and wear what they can afford to pay for.

The Journal will cheerfully subscribe whatever the committee thinks is about right for a one-horse, one-cent newspaper to give towards that Liberty electric street car line extension, and they can't get around any too soon to suit us, either.

It is stated that the richest man in Portland uniformly head subscription lists to promote any public enterprise. And it seems to be true. It is one of the most hopeful things that has been heard in favor of the rich men of Portland. And what is better, they seem to be growing richer by pursuing that reckless disregard of the old penny-wise-pound-foolish policy.

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