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COUNTRYMAN SPEAKS

Some Farmer Talk on State and County Politics.

THE SITUATION IN POLK

Oregon Affairs, as Reflected in Rural Circles.

I have been a life-long reader of the Oregonian and Salem papers, and whenever I am in town I talk with men just as freely as I do at home and on the road. And I will give you each week some of the expressions of opinion I get from men I talk with. There is a great undercurrent of thought that never finds expression in the newspapers, some of which I will report to you and you can print it for what it is worth.

I think unless the people stay by their legislative ticket will be beat. While Mitchell voted all right to take up the tariff bill, five free silver senators did not, and the argument is used against all silver men that they would not be safe to trust on that subject. At least twenty "sound money" men in my precinct will cut Elder Barkley and some of the others on the ticket and they want Mitchell beat.

IN POLK COUNTY.

I spent a day or two in Polk county and found politics badly mixed. The county seat question will cut quite a figure. Ex-Sheriff Wells, who is running for county judge, used to live at Buena Vista. He now lives at Dallas, and it is thought by many he is in favor of building a new court house. Judge Burch, the present county judge, and Commissioner Byerly, are both candidates for reelection and are opposed to building permanent county buildings until the question of permanent location of the county seat has been submitted to a vote of the people. The farmers I talk with want a final vote before permanent buildings go up.

The other question that agitates the people of Polk county is the legislative ticket. The Republican party is in the minority and the Democrats adopted a silver platform and made their candidates come right out and pledge themselves as silver men before they put them up. The Republican ticket for the legislature is a gold ticket. The old Dallas ring held the primaries and in all but a few precincts put the gold ring men on as delegates—men they could handle, and the Republican farmers are not going to stand it. They say they had no fair show in the convention. Many good strong sound money men were turned down in the convention, like Conaway of Independence. I should not be surprised if not a gold standard man was elected. The objection is

not to gold standard men but to ring and slate methods that ruled out all who were not labelled as safe beforehand. Silver Republicans cannot be bound and gagged and killed and dragged and refused any show in the convention and then swallow what is obnoxious to them, only to know that their representatives if elected will laugh at them for their pains. I tell you the managers have gone too far and will hear something drop.

I heard at Salem when I was in Saturday that there is a combination to cut Elder Barkley and elect Jack D'Arcy, the young lawyer. Jack is a popular society lad, and the Republicans haven't a lawyer on their ticket, and all the young fellows in town are to vote for Jack. This is being managed by some of the older Salem politicians who were afraid to leave Barkley off the ticket but don't want him elected. At Woodburn I learned the Dolph politicians would not fight Barkley, but were saying openly they would beat McKinley Mitchell, of Gervais, and Chapman, of Brooks. Just why, they wouldn't say, except that Jess Settlemer, the big nurseryman who employs a great many laborers, is fighting them openly. It seems Mitchell is his special grievance. He says he pays no taxes, and had a great deal to do with Settlemer's defeat when he ran in 1890 and was beat by Billy Holmes, of Salem. I will write you more that I hear next week.

COUNTRYMAN.

YAMHILL POLITICS.

The Union Bimetallic Ticket Alone in the Field.

McMINNVILLE, April 22. (Special.)—The union-bimetallic convention, composed of men of all parties, was the biggest political assembly ever in this county, and probably the most significant act in Oregon political history.

It is a union of silver Republicans, Democrats, Populists, Prohibitionists and Independent voters in one ticket, against the regular machine Republican ticket, named by a convention that threw out the silver delegation from Sheridan precinct. The Union ticket is composed of two independent silver Republicans for representatives and a strong county ticket. The U. B. convention endorsed Gill, Populist for joint representative, Sam Hayden, of Salem, for district attorney, and Vanderburg for congress.

The old McMinnville bank and county seat ring is a powerful one and will be hard to defeat, as the county is pretty strongly Republican. But the ring is scared. J. B. David was slated for a place on the legislative ticket, and Calvin Stanley put on. He is a clean man, was a Dolph man in the last legislature. Jas McCain, district attorney, is the other legislative candidate on the Republican ticket. The Republican county ticket is a fairly good one.

Holverson's anti-Chinese wrapper is made in Salem by good dressmakers, of best standard print \$1.50.

FOR FIGHTING FIRES

Salem's Council Considers the Lame Situation.

THE ENGINEER'S SALARY

Other Business Transacted in Its Regular Session.

At the regular session of the city council last evening the mayor and all members were present.

BILLS ORDERED PAID.

Chas. Northcutt, 50c; J. J. Maurer, 50c; R. M. Wade & Co., 94c; L. W. Benson, \$4.65; J. C. Goodale, \$12.18; Brewster & White, \$6.00; McCarl & King, 60c; R. E. Moores, \$4.25; Glover & Puge, \$5.50; Salem Gas Co., \$32.00; Gilbert & Patterson, 50c; Kenworthy & George, \$9.45; McCarl & King, \$4.50; Brewster & White, \$17.48; Salem Consolidated Street Railway Co., \$449.50; Salem Water Co., \$116.48; Evening Post, \$11.16; Robt. McKillop, \$25.50; Elmer White, \$6.00; J. P. Veatch, \$18.

The ways and means committee recommended that the marshal be directed to receive the university warrants tendered for street improvements and deliver the same to the treasurer, to be by him collected, when funds accumulate in the college treasury sufficient to pay the same. Carried.

The committee on streets reported on the petition of citizens asking for sidewalk improvements on Commercial street from Chemeketa north, reported recommending that the recorder proceed to advertise that the city would proceed according to petition. Adopted.

The same committee reported upon the petition of the state building commissioners asking permission to begin work tearing up Center street for the construction of sewer, granting the request under certain restrictions. Adopted.

Rigdon asked for further time for the committee in reference to certain encroachments on Mission street. The extension of time was granted.

Liquor licenses were ordered issued to Wm. Haack and to Klinger & Beck.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The committee on fire and water reported upon the report of the fire chief, recommending the appointments made by the chief, viz: Ed. Townsend, driver of hose team; H. A. Smith, assistant engineer; R. F. Koltz, hoseman, and recommended that the salary of the engineer be fixed at \$75 per month, and that E. C. Nichols be appointed to fill said position, as being a competent man. They also recommended that the chief of the fire department should have full power and authority to control the entire department, to make such changes at any time as in his judgment is necessary, to keep up the efficiency of the department and, in case of changes, to report his action to the council. The report was adopted.

A petition from Rev. M. Noble, pastor of the Baptist church at Corvallis, asking for aid and damages for injuries received by falling from a bridge near the depot in the dark, October 13, 1890, was received. He asked for \$1,000 in settlement of his claim.

To this communication the mayor submitted an answer for the approval of the council, which was read. That officer extended the tenderest sympathy, but gave the gentlemen little encouragement along the line of recovering damages. The mayor's reply was approved.

A communication was received from Marshal Dilley stating certain property owners had refused to clean up their alleys upon his request and asking instructions in the premises. Mr. Lamport moved that the condition of the same be declared a nuisance and that the marshal be instructed to remove the same at the expense of the property owners. Mr. Bases spoke on the subject and upon motion of Mr. Farrar the matter was referred to the committee on health and police.

An ordinance declaring Lot T. Ellis, Jr., a common drunkard, was read the third time and passed by unanimous vote.

The ordinance restricting the hours of operating wood saws, was read the

third time and after slight amendments passed. The same prohibits the running of steam saws between the hours of 10 o'clock p. m. and 5 a. m.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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VALLEY LOCAL NEWS.

MARION.

The farmers about Marion are about to resume operations again, the week's rain having abated.

B. J. Sharp, state organizer, will lecture on the labor exchange at Marion, on Friday of this week at 7:30 p. m. Every person anxious for better times is cordially invited to be present.

The Endeavor society of Marion held a session at the church at 3 p. m. last Sunday in the interest of temperance and mission work which was enjoyed by some. While there was a little too much "polly ticks" mixed in it to suit their tastes no serious trouble resulted however.

Jerry Wyant, of the Statesman force, who has been spending a few days at his home here on the sick list is improving and went to Salem on the local Monday, but returned on the overland in the evening.

Wash Hunsaker, the Populist candidate for sheriff, was in town Tuesday with a pleasant smile on his face.

Our school is progressing nicely and increasing in number.

Mr. Brock of this place started to Jefferson Tuesday morning and in crossing the railroad track broke a spring, and in consequence had to unload for repairs before he could proceed. To much weight aboard.

We had a horse trainer in Marion Monday in the person of G. W. Epler, who came out the victor.

The Marion blacksmiths are making improvements about their respective locations.

C. R. Bailey was a passenger for Portland last Friday, where he took the flyer for California.

A few days ago an inmate of the insane asylum who had escaped was caught here by H. A. Hinshaw and John Sullivan and returned to the above institution.

H. A. Hinshaw has filled out the required bond and returned the same to the proper authorities, and in the near future will be a full fledged post master.

BULUWAYO HEMMED IN.

Three Hundred Whites Have Been Murdered.

LONDON, April 22.—Officials of the British South African Chartered company received today the following dispatch from Buluwayo, dated April 21: "The situation is most serious. There are 14,000 Matabeles within three miles and 1,150 friendly natives have arrived in town."

A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Buluwayo, published this afternoon, says: "Both Buluwayo and Gwelo are absolutely safe. The Matabeles are not disposed to attack, and are content with cutting off all bands at whites. It is believed that 300 white prospectors or farmers, have been murdered. In seven fights nine whites and a thousand Matabeles have been killed. The rebels are running short of ammunition."

Cattle Market.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Hogs—receipts 31,000; light \$345 @380; heavy \$320 @ 355; rough \$320 @ 340. Cattle—receipts 16,000; heaves \$320 @ 420; cows and heifers \$140 @375. Sheep—receipts 12,000. Market stronger.

Timber Shovers' Riot.

CLEVELAND, April 22.—Rioting began between the union and non-union timber shovers shortly after noon at Back, Gray & Co's dock vessel was to be unloaded. Two hundred and twenty-five union men on hand. Several were injured.

Barracks Fire.

ST. LOUIS, April 22.—Early this morning a large brick barracks building 300 feet long by 30 wide, at Jefferson barracks was burned. Ten thousand cartridges exploded. The soldiers lost their personal effects. Total loss, about \$60,000.

NO LONGER REVEREND

Dr. C. O. Brown Suspended at Last.

HIS MINISTERIAL DUTIES

Makes a Fervid Appeal to the Oakland Conference.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 22.—Rev. C. O. Brown is again fighting for his ministerial existence. Before the Bay conference of the Congregational church, Brown was strongly arraigned by a number of ministers. Rev. Hatch, the minister of Berkeley church, said that in the council he had stood by Brown, and had held the council back from condemning Brown too strongly. Now, however, he was thoroughly convinced of Brown's guilt of untruthfulness and improper conduct and of his general unworthiness to preach. Rev. Mr. Freeland, of Oakland, said the man who pays black mail changes the presumption in his case from innocent to guilty. Rev. Dr. McLean thought Dr. Brown should not be allowed to preach and Judge Haven moved that Brown be suspended from the ministry until such time as he cleared his character.

Long discussions followed on this. The ministers, in overwhelming majority, seem to be opposed to Brown, but the latter has some friends who are working for him.

Dr. J. L. McLean followed in a severe arraignment of the accused pastor.

The conference granted to him and to Dr. Brown unlimited time in which to speak. Dr. McLean said:

"I went into the council with the thought that Dr. Brown would be acquitted of the charges against him. As the trial went on a sickening feeling crept into my heart, and as the evidence continued it grew and grew and grew, until it seemed coiled about my heart like some black and damning serpent. That council was not called to judge of the innocence or of the guilt of Dr. Brown. It was formed to inquire into the charges and to report to the church. We found that the grosser charges were not substantiated by the evidence. Nor were they disproved by the evidence."

Dr. L. L. Worts almost created a sensation. He said that he did not know whether or not Dr. Brown was guilty, but that he was ready to extend to him his hand and help him prove his innocence, if he asserted.

Dr. Worts continued, as he picked up the Bible:

"Here is the book of revelation. If Dr. Brown is an innocent man, let him step on this platform, and placing his hand on this holy book, lift the other to heaven and tell us he is innocent. I will believe him, and I will extend to him my right hand in a clasp of brotherly love. I am sure we all will."

Every eye was turned in the direction of the accused pastor, but not a muscle of his face changed to show what his feelings were. It was a trying ordeal for him, but his suspense lasted only a moment, and then the speaker went on as follows:

"If Dr. Brown has made a mistake, let him confess it, and I am sure he will be forgiven. His brothers will pick him up and help him into the right path once more."

BROWN'S SPEECH.

At the evening session Dr. Brown took the stand and made an eloquent plea. He said:

"We are nearing the close of a remarkable debate, the issues of which I would have you remember, in the solemnity of this hour, are life and death. We hold divided opinions on matters. I am not here to impugn the motive of any brother whose voice has been raised on this platform, but I have wondered if some of them, had been in my place, would have liked me to speak as they have done."

"The utmost that this conference can do is to leave the verdict where the council left it, and to leave to the curative effect of time to heal up the bruises it has created. I fail to see the propriety of my brother from the Plymouth church coming here now to try and induce this Bay conference to find me guilty, which he failed to do when closeted in the council. When you tonight have cast your vote, whether you condemn or acquit, you will have blotted out the distinction between Congregationalism and Presbyterianism, and you will have established a precedent unheard of in our church."

"Had the members of that council thought me guilty, they should not have clothed their verdict in such ambiguous language that the entire secular press of California interpreted it to mean just the opposite."

"The framers of that verdict knew the value of words and they know how to juggle with language. If they did not mean an acquittal, why did they add the hope and solemnize it by the sweetness of prayer—the hope that my future will be more fruitful than my past? What future? In a lawyer's office? No; they meant in the ministry, or this was cruel sarcasm."

THE LOUISIANA ELECTION

Pharr Claims His Election to the Governorship.

Fatal Shooting Between White and Colored Voters.

NEW ORLEANS.—The item bulletin board contains the following: "Pharr has been elected governor. The item will prove this fact by the evidence of 270 of Pinkerton's detectives, present yesterday at the polls, where fraud was carried out."

PHARR'S CLAIM.

BERWICK, La. April 22.—I have been elected governor by votes that were put in the ballot boxes, and will be inaugurated on the second Tuesday in May. (signed) "J. L. Pharr."

SEVERAL KILLED.

NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—A dispatch from St. Sohn, the Baptist parish, states that a crowd of negroes attempted to steal the parish ballot boxes. Five whites resisted and shooting followed. Several people were killed.

Western Oregon.

The Crop and Weather bulletin of Western Oregon gives the situation as follows for the week ending April 20, 1896. Weather—Cool, cloudy and rainy weather has prevailed during the past week up to Sunday and today, when it became warm and pleasant. Snow is quite rare even in mid-winter, and to have snow in April is a most unusual occurrence. On the morning of the 14th from one to five inches of snow covered the greater portion of the Willamette valley, especially the east side, and heavier extending to the foothills of the Cascades, the Umpqua and Rogue river valleys. The heaviest appears to have been in the eastern portion of Clackamas county. The snow melted rapidly, and within a few hours it had disappeared. Snow fell at Roseburg the morning and evening of the 14th. The total precipitation for the week amounted to over four inches along the coast; a small amount of snow fell even along the immediate coast. In the interior the precipitation amounted to from three-quarters to 1 1/2 inches, which was less than the amount of the previous week. In the Rogue river valley the precipitation amounted to about one-quarter of an inch, and a little snow fell on the 14th.

Crops—The weather was unfavorable to all farming operations during the past week. The heavy rain in the fore part of the week caused all streams to rise rapidly, and some lowlands were flooded. The ground is thoroughly soaked, and is too wet for plowing. Little spring plowing and seeding are, however, yet to be done.

SCHOOL PICNIC.

The Oak Ridge school, near T. T. Geer's place, taught by Mrs. Pearson, and the Cranston school, taught by Mr. Wienser, will have a joint school picnic at the Cranston grove on June 5.

THE NEBRASKA DEMS.

The Silver Wing in State Convention.

CONNECTICUTT FOR GOLD

Cleveland Vetoes Two Important Pension Bills.

LINCOLN, Neb. April 22.—The free silver Democrats of Nebraska met in state convention today to elect four delegates at large to the national Democratic convention. Every county was represented with no opposition from the other faction of the party, which holds its convention in Lincoln a week hence. W. J. Bryan and C. G. Smith are elected for two delegates at large, ex-Governor Boyd was urged to accept a place on the state delegation, but positively declined to have his name go before the convention. Boyd is a sound money man, but opposed to the administration.

YANKEES FOR GOLD STANDARD.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 22.—Ex-Congressman William E. Stmonds was made permanent chairman of the Republican state convention today. On the currency question the convention says: "We are unalterably opposed to the issue of unsecured paper currency, either by the government or banks, and free coinage of silver at any ratio, and favor the single standard value, and that standard gold."

VEToes PENSIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Cleveland today sent to the senate vetoes of two pension bills. The first is in the case of Charles E. Jones, photographer, who was injured while taking photographs where no battle was in actual progress. He was not enlisted and not in the military service of the United States. The other veto was the case of the widow of Peter Allabach, who served both in the Mexican war of the rebellion. "It is proposed," says the president, by the special act under consideration, to give this widow a pension, her husband's death having been caused by his military service and solely, as far as discoverable, upon the ground that she is poor and needs money. Her condition is precisely covered by existing laws, and if precedent is to be established by the special legislation proposed, I do not see how the same relief as is contained in this bill can be denied to thousands of widows in a similar situation."

A Bank Failed.

DENVER, April 22.—The American National bank failed to open this morning. The following notice was posted: "This bank has closed its doors by a vote of its directors and is in my hands as representative of the government. (signed) Zeph T. Hill."

The failure does not come as a surprise nor indicate any lack of confidence in the general business situation.

A Denial.

PORTLAND, April 22.—Ex-Mayor Mason, the anti-Simon nominee for mayor, denies the published report that he will withdraw from the three-cornered fight.

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