

The Weekly Chronicle.

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COUNTY OFFICIALS. County Judge: Geo. C. Blakeley. Sheriff: T. J. Driver. Clerk: A. M. Kelsay. Treasurer: Wm. Michell. Commissioners: Frank Kincaid, J. S. Blowers, F. H. Wakefield. Assessor: E. F. Sharp. Surveyor: Troy Shelley. Superintendent of Public Schools: W. R. Butts. Coroner: W. H. Leeds.

REPUBLICAN TICKET



- Supreme Judge, R. S. BEAN. Representative in Congress, 2d Dist., W. R. ELLIS. Prosecuting Attorney, 7th Dist., A. A. JAYNE. Joint Senator, Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam Counties, W. H. MOORE. Joint Senator, Wasco and Sherman Counties, JOHN MICHELL. Joint Representatives, Wasco and Sherman Counties, B. S. HUNTINGTON. F. N. JONES. County Judge, ROBERT MAYS. For Sheriff, T. J. DRIVER. For County Clerk, A. M. KELSAY. For Treasurer, C. L. PHILLIPS. For School Superintendent, C. L. GILBERT. For Assessor, W. H. WHIPPLE. For County Commissioner, D. S. KIMSEY. For Surveyor, J. B. GOIT. For Coroner, W. H. BUTTS. Justice of the Peace, The Dalles Dist., G. J. FARLEY. For Constable, The Dalles Dist., JULIUS WILEY.

JUDGE BENNETT'S SPEECH.

Judge Bennett's speech at the courthouse last evening was a remarkable one in many respects. The speaker is skilled in subtle argument, and understands how to present his facts in their strongest light, hiding their unfavorable sides and showing a pleasing exterior. While Judge Bennett can in some respects be complimented upon his effort last evening, we doubt if he carried conviction to many minds. Mr. Bennett declared that the Wilson bill was a much better measure than its predecessor, the McKinley bill. The tariff, he said, is a great humbug. It is a means of highway robbery and takes from the pockets of the West to fill those of the Eastern manufacturers. The East, according to Judge Bennett does not like the West and for every dollar we pay it for manufactured goods it returns not a one. (At this point the speaker failed to remind his hearers of the immense amount of salmon, fruit and wool shipped from the Pacific coast to the people of the East.) The speaker declared that the Pacific coast was nearer England in commercial relations than to the eastern part of the United States. Mr. Bennett is opposed to manufactures, and said The Dalles should seek to be a commercial city, without the aid of such institutions. He drew a picture of this city growing rich through commerce with the outside world, but was not very specific as to details. Free silver, says Mr. Bennett, is what the country needs; lots of money, and if it takes too long to coin the silver bullion, set the presses to work and grind out silver certificates. Like all other Democrats, he was very willing to put the tariff in the background and make the finan-

cial question the absorbing one. Mr. Bennett asked for the votes of Republicans, Democrats and Populists; told the Republicans to lay aside their principles and vote for him, but admonished the Democrats to cling to the party standard and vote for the regular nominee. Judge Bennett is a free trader in practice and belief. His talk about tariff on wool is done to catch the wool-growers vote. The country is looking to Oregon to render its verdict whether or not the Wilson bill has been a benefit or detriment to the country; whether the people want a protective tariff or whether our markets should be open to the competition of the world, our factories closed down and laborers starving. If you believe the last three years have been prosperous for the country, vote for Judge Bennett. But if not, vote against the system for which he is the exponent.

ARLINGTON'S SORRY FLIGHT.

A new circular issued by the O. R. & N. Co. gives the following tariff rates from points on its line to the Atlantic seaboard: From The Dalles, \$1.15; Arlington, \$1.55; Heppner, \$1.65. The rate by the boat company will undoubtedly be much lower. In this connection the following article, taken from the Fossil Journal, we deem of interest to our readers, and consequently give it editorial space:

In the first place the difference in favor of The Dalles, or rather against Arlington—40 cents—is too great, as wool is being hauled to The Dalles from here for 75 cents, only 25 cents more than the cost of the haul to Arlington. Besides this, the buyer who buys wool at Arlington will, in addition to the 40 cent rate, deduct for extra handling charges, and Mr. Rettie considers that altogether buyers will, on account of this, discriminate at least half a cent in favor of The Dalles, even if shipping over the O. R. & N. East. But the grower who hauls his wool to The Dalles need not ship over the O. R. & N., as he will then have competition, and may get better rates East from another company. Besides, The Dalles being a bigger shipping point, there are always more buyers there, and the seller has the advantage of keen competition among buyers for his clip. And yet Arlington is wondering why the sheepmen of this section are hauling their wool to The Dalles, instead of to Arlington as formerly. The fact is, the sheepmen are becoming awakened to their own interests, and need no longer be expected to haul their wool to Arlington while they can make a clear saving of 25 cents per hundred pounds by hauling it to The Dalles, leaving the advantages of a better market out of the question altogether. This makes an average difference of more than \$100 on one year's clip to every sheepman in this vicinity.

It would seem to be poor policy on the part of the O. R. & N. to drive the wool away from Arlington to The Dalles, where they stand a chance of losing the long Eastern haul, but a gentleman who recently interviewed the agent at Arlington, informs us that he told him his company would get the wool at The Dalles anyhow, owing to pool arrangements they have with the other companies. Be that as it may, this does not help Arlington, and her citizens had better be stirring themselves for better rates for our wool-growers if they expect to handle much of our wool. Already 40,000 pounds have gone to The Dalles, and there are yet 250,000 pounds in this immediate vicinity that will be shipped there unless the railway company come down on its rates to The Dalles and the East. Then there is about the same quantity in the Lone Rock and Lost Valley sections, and as much more in the Condon neighborhood yet unshipped, the bulk of which will no doubt find its way to The Dalles, unless better inducements are offered to haul to Arlington, their nearest and natural shipping point. One other, and not the least, reason why Gilliam county wool is being hauled to The Dalles is contained in the fact that all the county papers

contain a strong advertisement requesting the sheepmen to haul their wool to The Dalles, and setting forth the advantages to be derived from compliance with such request. In this article nothing has been said of back freight, which is being hauled out from The Dalles by the wool freighters. Much of this freight reaches The Dalles by water, paying no tribute whatever to the railroad company, which it would be compelled to do if Arlington were the shipping point. Every freighter who goes to The Dalles with wool is bringing back a load of merchandise, and Arlington will be blind indeed if she do not gather a hint from this. Our desire is to have Arlington for our shipping point, but it would seem that, as things exist at present, it is to our interest to transfer at least a part of our shipping trade to The Dalles.

Prosecuting Attorney Jayne has made an able, conscientious official. He is zealous in the performance of his duties, and his record will bear comparison with any of his predecessors. The interests of the state are in good hands when Mr. Jayne conducts the office of prosecuting attorney. He should pole a larger vote even than he did two years ago. The crowded house that greeted Judge Bennett was a flattering compliment to that gentleman. However widely we may differ from him in politics, he is one of our distinguished citizens, and the community is honored by his nomination. If Judge Bennett is elected, he will carry with him to Washington the good will of all his neighbors. No county clerk has ever made a better record than A. M. Kelsay. He is certainly entitled to a re-election, and we confidently predict his success next Monday.

AN UNMERITED CHARGE.

The Dalles Chronicle seems greatly worried over the combine of the minority parties. It says: "Democracy and Populism joined in holy wedlock! What will the harvest be?" The harvest will be the election of a good clean ticket that will serve the mass of the people. It will mean the defeat of the Joe Simon henchmen who tell one thing but always cover to the dictates of their master—Wasco News. This article from the News is a direct slander at the four estimable gentlemen nominated for the legislature by the Republicans of Sherman and Wasco counties. John Michell, Walter Moore, B. S. Huntington and F. N. Jones are not Joe Simon henchmen. They belong to no man, and the political collar has not yet been forged that would fit their necks. They are honorable gentlemen, every one of them, and when elected to the legislature will guard the interests of the people as a sacred trust. It is true the last legislature brought no honor to the state or the Republican party, but the trouble was a lot of Populists were elected to seats in that body under the guise of Republicans. The fault was with the men, not the principles of the party. The candidates upon the Republican ticket in this legislative district are men whose word in private life is as good as their bond. They have pledged themselves to resist all uneconomic measures; to abolish all useless commissions; to use their best efforts to secure for the people of Sherman county relief from exorbitant railroad rates, and to obviate the discrimination that is practised against them. The trouble in the past has been too little care was shown in the nomination and election of members to the legislature. Men were chosen not because of their ability, but for their willingness to stand in on the election of a United States senator. This is not the case now, and if the people of Wasco and Sherman counties want to be well represented in the coming legislature, let them vote for Messrs. Moore, Michell, Huntington and Jones.

To deny that Judge Bennett is a free trader is to fly in the face of all his utterances. A free trader is one who believes in free trade. Judge Bennett is wedded to that theory as he is to free silver. All his speeches

confirm this statement. Time and again he has said that free trade would benefit the people of the country, and followed this remark with the further one that the finances of the government were in such a shape that revenue was necessary from some source, and so he would consent to a tariff for revenue only. He is opposed to the essential principles of protection, and has denounced them with all his vigor. If this does not make a free trader, what does?

Should Robert Mays be elected county judge next Monday, the taxpayers of Wasco county will receive the benefits of an economical administration. Mr. Mays has every qualification for this important office. It will hardly be a case of changing from an old and tried official to a "New Man" when Mr. Mays succeeds Judge Blakeley.

Schedule of Expenditures.

Showing the amounts of all claims presented, the names of all claimants, the article or claim for which payment is made, the amounts allowed and the claims continued or rejected at the May term, 1896, of the county court for Wasco county, Oregon. The following list, however, does not contain any claim for which the salary or fees are provided by statute:

Table with columns for Name, Amount, and Description. Includes entries for BOUNTY ON WILD ANIMALS, Sheriff's Office, and various individuals like O D Doyle, W A B Campbell, etc.

Specialties for Saturday. 25 per cent. reduction on all LADIES' WRAPPERS. Lights, Darks, Plains or Fancies. They are Made to Fit. FREE. To all of our friends calling on us Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, a DECORATION DAY SOUVENIR. A M WILLIAMS & CO

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