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## County Official Paper

Farmers and other property owners who pay taxes in this state and county are figuring on some plan whereby the taxes may be reduced. Every plan and scheme imaginable has been thought out and pondered over and the solution is yet far away. This week a movement has been started by some of the good farmers of this county whereby an organization will be effected and the question of taxation will be the subject under discussion at all times. It is proposed to get together and exchange ideas, talk over the various plans of reduction of taxes and do anything and everything that will tend in any way to accomplish this very much desired end. At these meetings every bill that is put up to the people under the initiative and referendum will be discussed and all information on them to be had will be obtained, so that an intelligent vote on such matters will be the result, at least in that particular locality. It will be an organization having for its ultimate aim, the reduction of the present high tax. It will be an organized effort to attain its object. It will result in much good.

In this issue will be found an article on the Political Situation written by a well known writer of Salem. These articles will be known as the Casey Articles and will appear in the Mist each week from now until after the election. They will deal with the situation from a non partisan standpoint and will be a source of information written in such a manner as to be humorous as well as instructive. This is one of the features the Mist will have this summer. Another feature soon to be added to the Mist will be a farm and home magazine supplement containing about 16 pages on subjects of particular interest to the farmer and the farmer's wives. This will be a regular feature of the Mist for the next year and the price of the paper will remain the same. We are going to give to our readers all there is in the way of local and state news together with a good farm magazine and other special features which will please and satisfy our subscribers.

The Federal Aid Good Roads bill of Jonathan Bourne has been introduced in the United States Senate. This bill provides for federal aid to the states for the building of roads and was fully explained in the Mist a few months ago.

Speaking of Jonathan Bourne and his candidacy for the United States Senate, it appears that so far Mr. Bourne has not announced himself as a candidate but the mails are bringing little notices from an address in Portland, and come unsigned so that we are unable to locate just where they come from. Of course they are aimed to be used as news matter, but it seems to a poor country paper that if Mr. Bourne wants any advertising and desires to have his articles published he should make some arrangements for so doing instead of sending his advertising out unsigned and in form of news matter.

No doubt there are a number

of patriotic citizens who expect to be candidates for office at the coming primary election in this county but so far we have only three announcements. Of course we would not think of blaming this lack of enthusiasm on the pay in advance rule adopted by the Mist, but—

They say that Governor West has turned his batteries loose on Cove now and Copperfield is a back number. We do not know about the batteries but at least Miss Fern Hobbs has been sent to the Union County town to close a saloon there.

In the twenty years ago notes in this issue will be found an item which says that the portion of State taxes due from this county was \$6700. An item in the Mist a couple of months ago gave the amount due as \$67,000. Quite a difference, eh?

## THE POLITICAL SITUATION

Oregon's "Mr. Dooley" Presents His Views on Matters and Things to Columbia County Folks

"Well, Mr. Casey," says the Hon. Pat McArcher, "hav yez announced yer candiday, yet fer gubner?"

"I have not," says Mr. Casey, "and what's more I don't intend to."

"Yez don't say," says Pat. "I hope it's not yer modesty that kapes yez from it."

"It's nayther me modesty" says Mr. Casey, "nor the shame of bein' seen in such company," he says, "fer," he says, "tis a foine bunch of lads that's in the field. The reason," he says, "why I don't come out with as fine a platform as ye'd wish to stand on is because I'm friendly to all the candidates and wish to give the byes a fightin' chanst; somethin'," he says, "they wouldn't have if I got into the game. Look over the list of names," says Casey, "and thin let yer brist swell with pride at Pwhat old Orgun can produce," he says, "in the way of Gubernatorial timber."

"The candidates," says Mr. Casey, "is almost as plentiful as Douglas fir," he says, "an' jist as sturdy."

"Clackamas county was early in the field," he says, "with a brace of on-willin' but stalwart candidates. They's Judge Dominick, whose hat was among the first to git into the circle, and thin they's the Hon. Yourin, who, tis said, already has petichuns out fer the referendum on his own candiday."

"An' thin they's George C. B'ucbell who has a rubber string on his candiday. If annywan else will agree to git on his platform an' crowd him off, he's willin' to withdraw. Otherwise he'll shay wid the ship."

"As yoshul," says Mr. Casey, "old Multnomah has modestly suggested a name or two fer the leadin' gintlemin of the state. They's Col. Bob, who ivrybody was expectin' to play the game. Thin," he says, "they is c'd Doc Smithers, as the Orgonyun calls him, 'the residuary goatee of the print administrashun. They's dear old Johnnie Manfully, wan of the latest to allow his friends to persuade him into the game."

"Others minched from Multnomah is the Hon. Carter, Gusse Mosher an' Bob Stevens," says Mr. Casey.

"Wid the way the nominachuns is comin' in from Portland, grave fear

## REUBEN

Reuben, Ore., Feb. 25, 1914.—W. L. Wright of Harrisburg, Ore., who is the owner of the F. W. Jordan place, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. F. W. Jordan of Vancouver, Wash., is visiting with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wagner in west Reuben.

F. F. Knight of Dillay, Ore., who is the owner of the R. R. Feaster farm, was in town Monday. He is looking for a renter for his farm.

Judson Truman of Red Town was in the city Tuesday. He reports that they are having plenty of rain out there.

Last week was moving week for several parties in West Reuben. Rube Archibald moved from the Columbia Timbers house at the water tank to the building formerly occupied by G. S. Snyder. E. E. Green moved from the W. L. Wright house to the one vacated by Rube Archibald, and Sam Alexander moved from the F. F. Knight farm to the W. L. Wright farm.

Cal. S. Wilson of Lents, Oregon is visiting with his sister, Mrs. T. C. Watts, this week.

op n an' declared their willin'ness to take up the Gubernatorial big stick in defiance of the vice and lawlessness that prevails in Oregon. But," says Mr. Casey, "this campane will be diffrent from the last. Fer wan thing ye'll miss the acid tist, Siv'ral of the candidates," he says, "has pleaded with Bin Aileutup fer the loan of his tister, but to no avail. Bin's acid tist carried him to vict'yr and a good job, an' the tister is tucked away in a safe deposit box fer use two years hence."

"This silitin' a gubnor is an important matter. It's almost as serious a thing as that of gittin' a district attorney that'll do what he's paid fer without copsettin local condishuns. Wan of the chief assets of Orgun today" says Mr. Casey, "is the vice that pervails throughout the state an' in Baker county Without vice," says he, "where would our politics be, an' what could our officials do fer a livin'? No man," says Mr. Casey, "need expect to be illicted to fill the ixalted posishun of chief magistrate unless he is well oop on vice, its treatment and cure. No commonwealth," he says, "has done so much fer vice in the last year as has the Beaver state. Many of the older states has sint fer samples of Orgun vice to restock their vice prayserves an' the industry promised will for the state."

"Tis intristin' readin' yez'll find these days about these embryo gubnors. Aich wan has a platform av his own, an' yer hard to plaze if yez can't be suited in wan or more av them. Yez kin git ivr: thing they is going, from soup to nuts. Wan candidate is in for the fray an' onlimited coinaze av heave drops, whole another is out shpoken fer the shtate furnishin' fray rid cross shtamps.

"Who do ye predict will be nominated at the primaries?" asked Pat of Mr. Casey.

"Will," says Casey, "if I believed what sich of the candidates says I'd think we'd have a whole flock of gubnors, but me long experience in polly-ticks makes me know better, hence I hesitate to predict the winner. However," says Mr. Casey, "it makes no diffrunce what I think or what the candidates want, fer the people will have the say whin it comes to choosin' a gubnor, an' whin the people act we're shure of gittin' wan that'll fill the bill."

"Did yez note," says Mr. Casey, "thot so far nawthin' hex bin sid about anny lady candidates fer gubnor? 'Tis surprisin', as Oi cud minshun sivrul who cud fill the job wid great dignity to themselves an' to the shtate. For inster, they's Mrs.—but, what's the use? If the ladies don't take enough intrist to hunt the job, who's should Oi troy to brake up their happy homes? However, 'tis disappointin' thot no wimmin has come out, as their platforms would make intristin' readin'.

Yez kin almost till what they'd be loike," says Casey, "For inster, wan would say, 'Oi favor tattin' as a compulsory course an' both grade an' hoigh sch.ols. If illicted to the hoigh office av gubnor Oi will insist on a comishun bein' created to see thot eggs is sold by weight, an', not by age.' Or, 'Oi favor the reshtrictshun av the sale av licker in saloons only, an' not islewhere'. Or O'i view wid allarrum the ate hour law, ixcept so far as it concerns the house wolfe an' those depindint upon her."

"The greatest danger we hov to face is thot some wan of the candidates will go too far wid his platform ideas an' encroach on some av Cousin Os's copy-righted noshuns, an' thin the gubnor'll declare marshal law an' burn ivry platform presinted. Widout a platform Orgun would be as bad off as she would be widout vice."

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