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ST. HELENS, OREGON, APRIL 19.

IMPORTANCE OF ONE VOTE.

On the question of the constitutionality of the entire income tax the supreme court evenly divided, four members being on each side, says the Globe Democrat. If Justice Jackson had been in his place the court would have decided one way or the other on the general question, and from what is known of Jackson's opinions as a strict constructionist it is reasonable to assume that he would have taken the negative side and the law would have been annulled. The importance of the figure 1 is conspicuously shown in this circumstance. Oftentimes the result of a presidential election has hinged on the vote of a single state. For example, New York turned the scale in 1844, 1848, 1880, 1884 and 1888. If Colorado, who the democrats had expected to carry, had remained in the territorial stage a year longer the democrats would have elected the president in 1876.

Suppose just one of those seventy-three electors who declared for both Jefferson and Burr in 1801 had cast for somebody else the vote he gave to Jefferson! There would have been no tie in that event, the house of representatives would not have been called upon to make the choice, and Burr would have been elected. The thought of the narrowness of the margin by which the country was saved from the indignity of having Burr in the presidency gives a chilly feeling to Americans even today. One vote transferred from the negatives to the positives in the thirty-five affirmative in the presidential impeachment case of 1868 would have given the latter the constitutional two-thirds required for conviction and Johnson would have been removed. One electoral vote out of the total of 369, if changed from the republican to the democratic column in the disputed count of 1877, would have defeated Hayes and made Tilden president.

Facts like these show the popular estimates of the first of the numerals need re-reading. We have mentioned the case of Hayes, who had just that margin in the electoral count. His title to the presidency, however, was as good as that of Monroe, who got all the electoral votes cast, except one, or as that of Washington, who got every vote. Marcus Morton, chosen in 1839 by a majority of only a single vote in a total poll of over 100,000, was just as fully and truly governor of Massachusetts during his term as Grover Cleveland, with his plurality of 192,854 gained in 1882, was governor of New York during 1883 and 1884. The tariff of 1846, an act which has filled a more conspicuous place in political discussion than any other measure in its field, possibly excepting the Morrill tariff of 1861, was saved by the casting vote of Vice President Dallas. In many crises the presence or absence of this needed one vote has made or marred the fortunes of statesmen, politicians or parties.

IMPORTANT TO COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Reports from the right-of-way committee on the Astoria railroad are to the effect that little opposition is found among the property-owners along the proposed route. This is as it should be. There is not a property-owner in Columbia county but what is interested in the success of the Astoria railroad, nor is there a man in the county who will not receive benefit from the enterprise if it is completed. It is, therefore, necessary, for the best interests and welfare of the entire county, that no obstacle be thrown in the way of this very important undertaking.

A million and a half dollars expended along the lower Columbia river at this time or within the next year or two would relieve our financial condition beyond comparison. While the road is under construction it would furnish a market for lumber, piling and labor as well as for the products of the farm. After it is completed a market will be opened up at Astoria, which will increase as the city grows. And let us say right here that rail connection between that city and the outside world will be the means of Astoria growing as no city on the Pacific coast has ever grown. We do not mean by this that a boom, in the sense that term is generally used, will be the result; but in view of the fact that Astoria is the best seaport on the Pacific coast, and on the natural gate-

way, through which passes the product of the Willamette valley and inland empire, she will experience a steady and healthy growth entirely on her merits as a commercial point. Astoria will be to Oregon what San Francisco is to California, and we of Columbia county, situated between Portland, the great inland distributing center, and Astoria, the doorway to the world's commerce, will become one of the most thickly populated and wealthy sections of the Northwest.

Again let us say that he who stands in the way of this important enterprise is doing the county and its people untold injury. It should be the desire of every good citizen to place no obstacle in the way of progress.

SILVER is again inclined to be on the upword move. Three weeks ago it was at about 59. Then it went up steadily until it just passed the 68 mark, after which it fell back to 65. A rally then came, and yesterday it was at 67. One of the causes of the advance is the prospect that the opening up of trade in China will lead to a large use of silver in that country, and another is the general improvement in business in the United States, which is increasing the demand for silver as well as for other commodities.

The supreme court of Oregon has just handed down a decision that, while of interest to the general taxpayer, it is of peculiar interest to the sheriff and newspapers. The suit was one to set aside a tax deed. The supreme court holds that the tax deed is invalid for the reason that the first notice of sale was published June 6th and the last June 27th, the sale being held July 3d, making but 27 clear days. The law requires the publication to be for four weeks successively; this means twenty-eight days.

SHERIFF DOAN's action in not charging the penalty on delinquent taxes, we believe, meets the approval of the public in general. If there ever was a time when leniency was a virtue it is at present. Taxpayers, however, have shown a disposition to pay as fast as it was possible and should continue to do so; but the county, like all other creditors, should not be too severe on the debtor class. This policy, we believe, will be for the best interest of all parties in this hour of depression.

SCAPPOOSE NOTES.

J. C. Johnson is projecting a full fledged laundry in the near future. LaGrippe has fastened itself upon a goodly number of our people. Arbor Day was fittingly observed by Mrs. Pugh in her school in district No. 9.

The marriage is announced of J. Hantelman and Mrs. Caroline Strifflink of Scappoose. Assessor White has been among us counting up the earthly savings of our energetic people. In spite of the dull times a good deal of grubbing and other substantial improvements are being made.

School in district No. 1 has been postponed for a few weeks owing to the illness of Mrs. St. Helens, the teacher. There is a crying need for a justice of the peace in Scappoose precinct, and it is certainly false economy to not have one installed. The spring crop of weddings has been light. However, the season is a little backward, and perhaps the near future may change the matter a little, that is if all signs do not fail.

The county road petitioned for by Messrs. Johnson, Cline and others, running near Holiday's nursery, was surveyed and viewed out a few days ago, and it is reported a right-of-way was secured agreeable to all parties concerned. The feeling that creameries are the proper thing is gaining hold of our people. Much to their credit, the day of the "ranch butter" man is over, and if a dairyman expects to prosper at all he must fall into line with modern improvements, and enlist his influence to help out the creameries. It is a wrong idea to believe that a creamery is not a benefit to those in the milk and butter business, and the sooner their antagonism is removed the better it will be for all concerned.

CLATSKANIE.

G. W. Barnes, of Quincy, was a visitor last Monday. S. Lindgren, of Mist, was in town last week looking after interests here. Robert Cameron is back again at the Saldern camp after his absence during the winter. N. Merrill and Frank Merrill were passengers for Portland on the steamer Monday evening.

Arbor Day was celebrated last Friday by the school at Lower Beaver under charge of Miss Rhoda John. Mr. Messing, of Mist, was over a few days ago for medical treatment. He has been off duty for two or three weeks. The steamer City of Frankfort steamed into our harbor Monday evening in place of the Shaver, disabled at Oregon City the day before.

We noticed the steamer Vulcan in the Beaver slough last week taking out a raft of electric light poles for Charles Erickson and Herald Syverson. There has seemed to be considerable sickness lately, judging from the fact that Dr. Hall has been unusually busy and his horse brought into use every day.

The new medical law mentioned in your paper last week is likely to make it unprofitable for some of the fakir medicine men and establishments in existence. Photographer Hobbs has been keeping up his reputation as a champion fisherman the past few days, and has been ably assisted by W. H. Conyers and others. Ed McClure was trying to haul lumber from Edgerton's mill last week over a very bad road. He will not haul much until there is an improvement in that direction. Samuel Kelly was noticed riding into town on his white horse last week, having been looking around the country for more lucrative employment than our town affords for a man and team at present. The new shingle mill men are being somewhat troubled in getting bolts enough to keep the mill running, but they are turning out some good shingles, and have an abundant supply of bolts in Beaver, which they are getting over as fast as tides permit. We were favored the first of last week with one of the most entertaining lectures our people have ever been privileged to

listen to. Rev. Geo. a presiding elder in the M. E. church, while here, remained over Monday to deliver his lectures on the amusing side of army life. There was a large audience gathered to hear it and most thoroughly enjoyed the privilege.

W. K. Tichenor came near losing his new house recently from the effects of a defective fire. The house filled with smoke, awakening the family, and before the location of the fire was discovered it had gained considerable headway. The assistance of some neighbors, with the energetic work of the family got the better of the flames and saved the house with a loss of perhaps \$100. It was a close call, however, and will think he will either build his next chimney himself or stand over the man with a club that does build them.

There was a lecture on co-operation in Merrill's hall last Friday evening, delivered by Charles A. Fitch, of Portland. He urged association of farmers and others to unite and purchase supplies direct from Portland, thus saving the retail profit made by local dealers. It did not take an ordinary listener very long to conclude that the lecturer was talking in the interest of certain persons in Por and what might be a teapsonful of benefit to the farmer would be a teapsonful for the Portland merchant. These men who get so much interested in farmers and poor laborers often find the center of interest in the region of the pocket book.

Peter Herd knots was the victim of a most unfortunate accident last week, causing a rupture to become strangulated. After two days of suffering he called in Dr. Hall, who found that a difficult and important surgical operation would be necessary to save the man's life. Getting Dr. Coley's assistance to give a residence the operation was performed at the man's residence last Tuesday and the parts put in shape. It was feared, owing to the man's age, 64 years, and some other r th adverse conditions, he might not survive the operation, but up to the time this goes to press, a week having elapsed, everything looks favorable for recovery.

MAYGER.

The Johnson Bros. are cutting lots of lumber at present. Walter Severn and Billy Emery are fishing, and we hear are doing well.

W. K. Traylor, who has been quite sick for a week past, is convalescing.

John Stockenburg has built a good, substantial board fence around his large oat field.

Our school is progressing nicely, and we can make as good a showing along that line as any district in the county.

The rain continues and it is putting off our road work very late this year, and the roads are getting very bad, but we hope to get some good weather before long.

The Binger Hermann republican club meets on the first Saturday of each month at the Mayger hall at 8 o'clock in the evening, and all republicans are cordially invited to attend. Wm. Slaughtner has been building a very neat house this spring, and it is finished in masterly style. Carpenter Croaker knows how to build a house and can work with the best of them.

The republican club of this place met on Sunday last and installed new officers as follows: President, A. Croaker; vice-president, George R. Wagner; secretary, Geo. W. Mayger; treasurer, Wm. Blackford. Delegates to represent the club at the state league which meets in Portland on May 22, as follows: Geo. R. Wagner and A. Croaker, two of our best members.

Last week there was an item in the Rainier Review that was rather out of their line. It has always been before that the items from Delena were personals for the correspondent's relatives, but George Wagner created a sensation by getting full, and then they had an item that was new. But Wag says someone must either die or get full to stir things up a little and take off some of the notoriety of their writings. Hoping the correspondent is satisfied, as I know Wag is.

UPPER TIDE CREEK.

Cherry trees are commencing to bloom, but early gardens are growing slowly. Our road supervisor has been making some much needed repairs on this end of the road.

Mr. Anderson has bought a number of cows lately, and will sell milk to Mr. Kobbie who manufactures it into cheese.

School commenced April 1st with Mr. Walker, as teacher. The district has added a much needed porch to the schoolhouse.

There was a surprise party at Mr. E. C. Jones' last Saturday night, it being the birthday of Mr. Jones. The company was entertained with music, both vocal and instrumental, for some time, after which an elaborate lunch was served. All passed a delightful evening.

PERIS POINTERS.

C. G. Moyer is on the sick list. Lester Bailey spent Sunday at Yankton.

A. A. Smith went down the river Sunday. S. Rock intends going down the river soon to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frey spent several days in Oregon City last week.

D. H. Pope is limping around with a cut foot which he says is very painful.

Mrs. Bailey spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Ella Roberts, who is very sick at Yankton.

Changed His Views.

OMAHA, April 13.—In an interview tonight Senator-elect Thurston announced that he had changed his views on the financial question during his tour in the West. He had always declared in harmony with the republican national platform, favoring bimetalism. He is strongly opposed to the opening of the mints to the free coinage of the silver product of other countries until an international bimetallic agreement has been reached. He is in favor, however, of the free coinage of the American product under legislation which would maintain the equal purchasing and debt-paying power of all American dollars. He predicted that the next congress would give no financial legislation for a reason on that while there was a majority for free silver in the senate the president stood committed to the gold standard. So soon as one political party is in power in all branches, Mr. Thurston predicts legislation on the silver question, but not before. Such legislation, when it comes, he added, cannot be expected to meet the demands of the extremists on either side. It would be the result of compromise. He expressed the belief that the business paralysis was the result of the abandonment of protection, but he had seen signs of improvement during his Western tour.

Real Estate Transfers.

S. W. Tillman to E. L. Roe, lots 7 and 8, section 4, T. 7 N., R. 5 W., \$1.
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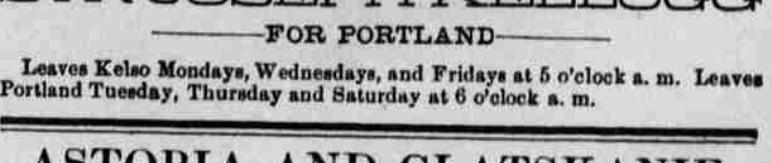
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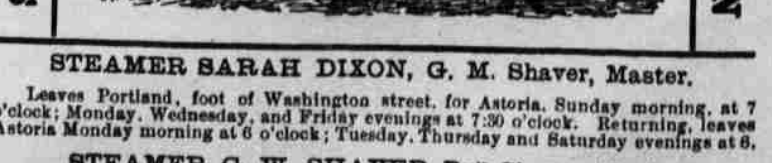
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