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ST. HELENS, OREGON, APRIL 24.

With three tickets in the field in this county republicans need have no fear for success this year.

It is now thought that congress will adjourn by June 1. It might as well have adjourned January 1, for all the good that has been accomplished.

If Senator Peffer isn't careful he will fail to get a vote on his resolution for an inquiry into the recent bond issues before the time comes for another resort to that method of meeting deficits.

Official figures show that Paris consumes daily for food an average of sixty-three horses and one donkey, and one mule every ten days. There is a growing demand for horse meat in Europe, and that a considerable quantity is secretly marketed in the United States is a fact pretty well established.

In an independent for congress of gold persuasion is put up in this district against Mr. Ellis, it will at least afford an opportunity to see which wing of the republican party is the strongest—gold or silver—each side now claiming to have the most votes. There could be no guesswork when it came to counting noses.

The logical candidate for president in this year of our Lord is William McKinley, whose nomination seems almost certain on the first ballot. With McKinley as the candidate and protection the issue the result would prove conclusively whether or not the people of the United States are in favor of protecting American industries, for he is the true apostle of protection.

"It seems to be a settled thing that John C. Leasure is to run for congress as the sound money candidate, but it will make some of the sound money democrats in this neighborhood very weary when they have to vote for him."—Pendleton Tribune. Many republicans of this district are also weary of Mr. Leasure, and while his candidacy might possibly prevent the election of Mr. Ellis, the former could not hope to succeed.

The question has been repeatedly asked during the past two weeks as to where George W. Patterson, republican nominee for joint senator, stands with reference to Senator Mitchell's re-election. The republican convention in Columbia county instructed its candidate for the legislature to vote for Mitchell, the people of the county are in favor of Mitchell, and so long as they have a voice in the selection of a joint senator they have a right to know where he stands on this important question. If Mr. Patterson is for Mr. Mitchell he will have nothing to lose in this district by saying so, and if he is not a Mitchell man the people want to know it, and have a right to demand an expression upon this subject.

The Sentinel of last week stated that the populist candidate for sheriff in this county had never served as deputy under a defaulting sheriff. We are at a loss to know just what to term the sheriff elected by the populists four years ago. And the populist candidate for sheriff this year was one of the deputies under that official. May be there is some synonym for "defaulter" which the Sentinel knows that we have failed to look up. Of course we are not morally certain that the Sentinel means anything damaging by the remark, but we supposed it to be an inference. If you meant anything, why not say what you mean, straight from the shoulder. The Sentinel man might, with profit, come over and look up the appointment of the populist candidate as a deputy under the sheriff elected four years ago. It's on record, all right.

The Oregonian's efforts to defeat W. B. Ellis for congress, will, on the contrary, and in the light of past history, strengthen him. The best recommendation a man can have in this state the opposition of the Oregonian, and this instance will prove no exception to the rule. Mr. Ellis was not nominated particularly because of his ideas on finance, as was evidenced by the support he received in the convention from men of all financial views. Every man elected as a delegate to the congressional convention from Columbia county was a pronounced gold man, yet every one was a warm supporter of Mr. Ellis, not necessarily because of his views on money, but because, principally, he is a man of the common people, sound on the tariff question, and believed to be conscientious in the service of his constituents. Republicans differ on the financial question, but comparatively few believe that to be the paramount issue at this time, and consequently Mr. Ellis is a very acceptable candidate for congress and no doubt will be elected by a larger majority than ever before, since there are very few gold men so unreasonable in their views that they cannot support him; while also there are any number of republicans who have heretofore inclined toward populism because of the silver issue, who can and will cheerfully support the republican candidate for congress in this district.

PROTECT THE FRUIT.

Fruit growing is rapidly becoming one of the leading and most profitable industries in the state, but of late years orchards have been so infested with different pests as to render the business of fruit growing less remunerative than it would otherwise have been, says the Dalles Times-Mountaineer. But the members of the state board of horticulture are undertaking to overcome this impediment to the industry, and are preparing to inaugurate a more vigorous campaign than ever before against fruit pests. This is indeed, commendable, for this great and growing industry of the state deserves to have every reasonable protection and encouragement that can possibly be extended. Heretofore the board has not resorted to the harsher methods with which they are empowered under the law, probably for the reason orchardists were not in a condition financially to bear the expense necessary to properly care for and improve their orchards, and the board have considerably waited for a time when fruit growers were better able to expend money in this direction. And too, it was necessary, before entering vigorously upon the work of exterminating pests that public sentiment should become in sympathy with the move, that the owners of orchards should be brought to realize that a few infested trees in a neighborhood are liable and almost certain to spread disease to adjacent orchards, and therefore the efforts of those desirous to keep down pests in their orchards are useless so long as their neighbors are not alike enterprising. Since this is generally accepted by all orchardists, the board will and is receiving the hearty support of fruit growers everywhere in their efforts to subdue the pests.

The spirit of enterprise is so universal among fruit growers all over the state that the work of the board is heartily endorsed, and those who a short time ago resented all acts of the board to compel them to treat their trees are now among the heartiest supporters of the horticultural law. So earnest are the fruit growers in this matter, and so efficient are the members of the board, that the period of wormy and inferior fruit in this state is nearing an end, and it will be but a short time when the renowned healthy, crisp Oregon apples of twenty years ago will again be up to their former standard of excellence.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

The editor of the Oregonian is a very able writer, and usually a consistent one. This being the case, we would like to ask him a few questions regarding his present action in inciting a bolt from Ellis. He may not think it worth his while to answer the questions, on account of the insignificance of the questioner, but that should cut no figure in the premises, and here they are anyway:

1st.—Is there any difference between "bolting" the nominee of a caucus and the nominee of a convention? If so, wherein lies the difference?

2d.—Would the Ellis bolters be guilty of a "several bastardy," as you said the Dolph bolters were during the last senatorial election?

3d.—Are you, being a leader in the revolt against the regular convention nominee for congress in your district, a "stinkard," that being one of the pet names you applied to the leaders of the revolt against Dolph?

These questions are not propounded because we are in sympathy with Mr. Ellis' silver views, for we are not; or because we approve of the manner in which he was nominated, for we do not; but because we believe it is due the people of Oregon that their best newspaper should offer some explanation of a very apparent inconsistency.—Fossil Journal.

It too often happens that in a community where a few persons attempt to promote the general welfare, there is an equal number who oppose every move that is made in the direction for good. This is probably not always done with the intention to obstruct progress, but perhaps more through a freak of human nature, since it seems natural for one-half of the human race to oppose the other half. It is a rare case indeed where this does not prove true, at least at the beginning of a new undertaking. Obstructions, however, by persistent effort, are very often overcome to the benefit of the general public. Therefore we conclude that to succeed in an effort one must be prepared to battle all the opposition that will be encountered on the start, after which his pathway will be more smooth. There is also too often a desire on the part of persons interested in an enterprise to stand back thinking that enough others will take hold of it to insure success, and that in the end they will reap a benefit without the investment of a single penny. If all looked at propositions for advancement in this light progress would indeed be slow. It is, however, a duty every man owes to the community in which he lives to make his influence felt in the things that lead to the material advancement of that community's interests.

erly presented to eastern people looking for homes in the far West where the mercury neither freezes up in winter or burns up in summer, there is little doubt the effort would be rewarded with satisfactory results. Oregon needs people—not tramps—but people who expect to till the soil, assist to develop the country, or, in fact, to become a part and parcel of the country and its institutions. Such a class of people is worth making an effort to secure.

WHILE taxes are not being paid so readily this year as last, there has, however, been enough paid in to make the state and county school tax with several thousand dollars besides with which to redeem outstanding warrants. From reports from over the state a larger per cent of the tax has already been paid in this county than in many others.

VERNONIA VARIETIES.

The political pot is boiling. Why don't somebody build a grist mill here?

James Adams nearly lost his leg between two logs last week.

Tom Adams is blowing out stumps at a lively rate on his farm.

S. B. Rose is talking of taking a railroad contract this summer.

Mr. Emmons is raising quite a nursery of the various nut trees on his farm.

E. E. Nickerson has his sawmill so far completed that he has commenced sawing lumber.

Mr. Davison is still "in the hands of his friends"—and they are handling him without gloves.

Everybody concedes that with two exceptions the republican ticket is composed of the best timber in the county.

M. Davison, populist candidate for well most anything, has rented S. B. Rose's farm and will try farming for awhile.

Mr. VanDyke, populist candidate for county school superintendent, is moving his family into the country for the summer.

Mr. Seseman, populist candidate for county judge, went to Rainier this week to attend the county central committee meeting.

Mr. Seseman's friends are urging him to withdraw from the populist ticket, knowing there is no chance of anyone beating Doan.

Professor J. E. Dow has commenced a term of school in the Wilkinson district. A number of his old scholars from other districts are attending.

Several parties of fishermen are here from outside points, but Rock creek, Pebble creek, the Nehalem, and other streams, have abundance for all.

Quite a number of farmers are planting large additions to their orchards. Nehalem apples cannot be beat in the state, which means they cannot be beat in the world.

Rev. Launer is attending the annual conference of the Evangelical Association at Albany this week. A petition was circulated last week asking for Rev. Launer to be retained on this circuit another year.

The republicans of Nehalem, realizing that they were badly used at the republican county convention in the matter of commissioner, will vote almost to a man for Nels Peterson for commissioner, who, although a populist, is a fair, square business man, who will work for the best interests of the Nehalem valley and Columbia county.

REUBEN ITEMS.

Judge Blanchard was in town on Friday. The shinglemill near this place is running again, with W. C. King in charge.

Judge Blanchard's pliedriver has been at work on the Trescott Packing Company's dock this week.

W. M. Perry, of the Rainier Review, and G. E. Moseley, of Cedar Landing, were in town Monday.

George Reed came down from Portland for a week's hunting and fishing out on the Clatskanie.

Mrs. Trescott, of Portland, came down on Wednesday and is visiting her friend, Mrs. A. D. Brice, for a few days.

J. M. Archibald has resigned as school director of this district, and there will be a special school meeting held at the Reuben school house on May 2 to elect his successor.

The school directors of this district thought it was best to have two schools in the district instead of one. L. Bell Gaddis was engaged to teach a three-month school at Mooresville, and Allie Lyons was engaged to teach a three-month term at the Reuben school house. Both schools began last Monday.

The Jury List.

Following is a list of the jurors drawn by the county clerk yesterday to serve on both the grand jury and trial jury for the regular May term of circuit court for this county, which convenes in this city on Tuesday, May 12:

Thomas Morris, farmer.....	Rainier
Lyman Jones, farmer.....	Quincy
John Parker, farmer.....	Mayer
John Jolma, farmer.....	Clatskanie
W. H. Smith, farmer.....	Houlton
Gustave Lange, farmer.....	Scappoose
Thomas C. Timoney, farmer.....	Rainier
Arthur Croker, farmer.....	Mayer
David Whitting, farmer.....	Mist
A. B. Gordon, teacher.....	Clatskanie
John McAdams, farmer.....	Mayer
Franc Sundbloom, farmer.....	Rainier
John H. Wilson, farmer.....	Mist
Oscar Elliott, farmer.....	Marshland
W. E. Van Volkenberg, farmer.....	Mist
Siemel A. Wilkinson, farmer.....	Vernonia
John Hendrickson, farmer.....	Quincy
Johnard Royer, farmer.....	Braunsport
Charles Lee, farmer.....	Clatskanie
Gustav Peterson, farmer.....	Mist
Erwin Hall, farmer.....	Warren
Adam Stump, farmer.....	Scappoose
Wm. M. Wilson, farmer.....	Vernonia
Thomas H. Woodruff, farmer.....	Rainier
Henry Woodham, farmer.....	Goble
Frank M. Tompkins, farmer.....	Scappoose
Spencer B. Rose, farmer.....	Vernonia
W. J. Sanborn, farmer.....	Dent
Josee Hendricks, farmer.....	Carico
Oren Hiatt, farmer.....	Mist
S. M. Rice, farmer.....	Rainier

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Blaze at Astoria.

ASTORIA, April 22.—A fire occurred at 4:30 o'clock this morning that completely wiped out a two-story building occupied as a warehouse, retail store, restaurant and residence, and causing a total loss of \$6000. The building was owned by W. W. Parker and occupied by Christensen & Johnson.

It is supposed the fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp, which had been left in the restaurant kitchen by Christensen, who had arisen for the purpose of cooking breakfast, and, after lighting the fire, left the kitchen for a few minutes. When he returned he found the room enveloped in flames, which spread with great rapidity. The building was an old one, and burned like tinder, the occupants having just time to escape before the entire structure was ablaze.

This was the first fire since the new hydrants were put in, and their efficiency had a thorough and most satisfactory test. Although the adjoining buildings were also of wood and highly inflammable, they were comparatively uninjured, owing to the rapid manner in which the flames were brought under control after the water was turned on at the hydrants.

The loss is distributed as follows: Christensen & Johnson, grocery and household goods, \$2500, insured for \$1200; Scholfield & Hauke, merchandise, \$1000, fully insured; W. W. Parker, building, \$2000; I. Burgram, damage to adjoining building, \$150, insured.

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Teachers' Examination. NOTICE is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the public schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at St. Helens, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, May 13th, 1896. State certificates and diplomas will be acted upon at the same time.

J. G. WATTS, County School Superintendent, Dated April 22, 1896.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, ST. HELENS, Or., April 24, 1896. Notice is hereby given that all unpaid County Warrants of said county, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," up to Sept. 16th, 1895, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest will not be allowed after this date.

E. M. WHARTON, a24m22 Treasurer of Columbia County, Or.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia been duly appointed administrator of the estate of William Adams, deceased, and that all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified and with proper vouchers, to the undersigned as such administrator, at his place of residence near Westport, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated April 23d, 1896.

JAMES ADAMS, Administrator of the estate of William Adams, deceased. a24m22

Notice of Final Account.

Notice is hereby given that the administrators of the estate of George Clark, deceased, have filed their final account in the County Court of Columbia county, and that the judge of said court has set Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 1896, at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., for the hearing of objections, if any there be, to the allowance of the same.

F. A. FISHER, S. E. HARRIS, Administrators. March 23, 1896. m27a2a Administrators.

State Republican Ticket.

For Supreme Judge, R. S. BEAN.

District Ticket. For Congressman—Second District, WILLIAM R. ELLIS, of Morrow County.

For Joint Senator, GEO. W. PATTERSON. For Prosecuting Attorney, THOS. J. CLETON.

County Republican Ticket. For Representative, NORMAN MERRILL, of Clatskanie.

For County Judge, JOS. B. DOAN, of Rainier.

For County Clerk, JUDSON WEED, of Vernonia.

For Sheriff, CHAS. W. BLAKESLEY, of St. Helens.

For Treasurer, JOHN SWAGER, of Houlton.

For Surveyor, WM. N. MESERVE, of Delena.

For Superintendent of Schools, J. G. WATTS, of Scappoose.

For Commissioner, THOS. S. COLVIN, of Marshland.

For Assessor, MARTIN WHITE, of Quincy.

For Coroner, DR. A. P. McLAREN, of Rainier.

For Justice of the Peace, Union Precinct, J. B. GODFREY.

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