

ON POLITICAL ALTER

Aspirants For Places on the Republican Ticket.

No Lack of Material That is Willing To Be Sacrificed For Success of the Party.

As the time for the republicans of this county to hold their convention is only a little over a week hence, interest in the result of its deliberations becomes more intense, and candidates and friends become more anxious. At this time it is only conjecture who will receive nominations, but it certainly remains a fact that out of all the material mentioned there can be a ticket named which ranges high, and the friends of each candidate claim the right of recognition at the hands of the convention, but at the same time it is a noticeable and common fact that all who have been mentioned assert that should they not be honored, those who are will receive their undivided support at the election. This is a most honorable and commendable disposition on the part of those seeking preferment. It is apparent that the republicans of this county, realizing their predicament, but still desirous of putting forward the strongest men in the party, are not only going in to win, but are determined to demonstrate to other sections of Oregon that this county has felt the turn of the tide for better conditions, and all that was claimed for the administration in the way of a better condition of affairs has been realized. The delegates to the forthcoming convention will undoubtedly be imbued with the same spirit of determination, and from the material at hand will choose a ticket that will wrest victory from the hands of an overconfident opposition.

At this time we believe it not out of place to publish the names of those who are seeking favor at the hands of their party. The voters throughout the county are anxious to know who the aspirants are. Again, we believe the convention will be able to select more judiciously in the matter, and the result will be more satisfactory if each section of the county goes into the convention fully advised as to who it will be called upon to support. In so doing the people of the county will have opportunity to inquire into and discuss the merits and demerits of the candidates.

It must not be understood that any man mentioned in this article for office has received favor from us because of his candidacy. We have no one man ideas. It is for the convention to say who shall be on the ticket. Any man has an honorable and legitimate right to aspire to office, and if he can succeed through honorable means then his purpose we applaud. The contents herein are wholly the result of a canvass of the county in an effort to learn of those who have aspirations. It may be possible there are some who expect favors at the convention whose names we have not heard mentioned, and if this should be the case we will gladly give space to their wishes in our next issue.

For the office of representative there are several names mentioned, prominent among them being Dr. H. H. Cliff, of St. Helens, Dr. J. E. Hall, of Clatskanie, and George G. Meyer, who at present resides in this city. We have, in an obituary, heard the name of J. G. Watts, of Scappoose, mentioned for this place.

The office of county judge, of course, is not to be filled this year. For county clerk there are numerous candidates. J. G. Watts, of Scappoose, the present school superintendent, has a considerable following, but perhaps no more so than has W. A. Harris, the present deputy under Mr. Wood, or W. M. Perry, of Rainier. In this connection we may say that Judson Weed, the present incumbent, will not refuse an offer to be clerk another term. These are all the names we have heard mentioned for this office.

There is no scarcity of material, either mentioned for sheriff, some names having received comment without the knowledge or sanction of its owner. Wm. N. Meserve, of Delona, the present surveyor, as well as the names of Charles N. Gahle, of this (Union) precinct, and Henry L. Warren, of the lower end of the county, are all receiving favorable mention. Martin White, the assessor, is mentioned for this place with no little degree of favor.

The assessor's office, the place where a man can receive more cursing and abuse in attempting to do his full duty, will not go begging for candidates. While Mr. White is a candidate for re-election, there are others who think themselves equal to the emergency. We have heard the name of R. M. Bailey, of Houlton, favorably mentioned for assessor.

For the office of school superintendent there are several candidates, so we have been told. Principal among these are I. H. Copeland, of Warren, C. F. Whitten, of Clatskanie, I. B. Shoemaker, of Goble, and perhaps the names of others who have designs on that office, but we have not heard their names mentioned.

For treasurer we have heard but one name mentioned—that of Dr. Edwin Ross, of St. Helens.

And there is no lack of candidates for commissioner either. Many favor the re-nomination of the present incumbent, Mr. P. A. Frakes. Harry West, of Scappoose, has been spoken of for that office. Mr. H. H. Clark, of Warren, has also been mentioned for the place.

Candidates for surveyor and coroner are not so numerous. For the latter place there will probably be but one name presented to the convention—that of Dr. A. F. McLaren, the present incumbent; and for surveyor there has been mentioned Geo. Hayes, of Mayer.

There may be other candidates for the various places, and if we have omitted any we will gladly speak of them in our next.

CLATSKANIE NOTES.
An exhibition of hypnotism is advertised for Friday evening of this week, by Dr. Bartel, the notices say.
W. A. Edgerton is back from Vale, Malheur county, spending a few days among old acquaintances.
Mrs. M. A. Hall, of San Diego, Cal., is in this city to spend the summer with her son, Dr. Hall, and family.
Miss Maud Bryant has consented to teach the school at Mist this season, and will begin in a couple of weeks.
Miss Myrtle Jones is expected to instruct the youth of the Barr district this spring, after the close of her term here.
The school board at a meeting a few evenings since unanimously re-elected Prof. F. C. Whitten as principal of our schools for another year.
T. V. Rutter and wife are now occupying the Messers building. Mrs. E. H. Barlow and family moved into the Dr. Hall house last week, and the A. K. Fryer property is be-

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VERNONIAN CLEANINGS.

The fine weather this week is quite a contrast to that of last week.

P. L. Wilson paid the county seat a visit on the first of the week.

Parties coming over the mountain report several inches of snow Tuesday.

There was a social dance at Pittsburg on the evening of St. Patrick's Day.

Constable Pearson and wife were promoting their streets Wednesday.

Frank Wilson left Wednesday for Marshall and vicinity in quest of work.

Mr. Filner, of Upper Beaver, was doing some trading in our town Saturday.

Martin Davison is in Washington county locating a colony, so we are informed.

Thomas Brink, jr., was doing constant work Wednesday for Justice Shannahan.

Win Mellinger came over from Houlton Tuesday after his father's late stage team.

Clyde Mellinger, who has been visiting in this vicinity, returned to Houlton Monday.

Don't forget the republican primary on the 2nd day of April, 1906. Come one, come all.

Prof. J. E. Dow returned home from a short sojourn on the Santiam on the 12th inst.

Mrs. Wm. Kerr, we are glad to say, is able to perform her duties as housewife again.

John Edholm and Charles Peterson made final proof before County Clerk Weed on Tuesday.

Justice Shannahan was in this city last Wednesday, the first time since he had his mishap.

Mal Johnson, who resides on Crooked creek, was strolling the streets of our city Saturday.

Charles Armstrong and family visited the family of Saul Shesley last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Our farmers, who have turned out their stock, will be compelled to begin feeding again, we fear.

Constable Pearson and J. H. Bolman, of Pittsburg, attended the populist primary held here Saturday.

We are informed that Wm. Kerr's house caught fire last week, but fortunately no great damage was done.

Hans Christanson returned home last week from the railroad, where he has been employed the past month.

Our populist friends held their primary in this city Saturday, and after casting

great many ballots and causing the tellers a great deal of unnecessary work, they decided to send Messrs. Rogers, Zimmerman, Darling, Mitchell, Turk, Housman, A. N. Early, Bollman, W. Wood, and J. Adams to the convention.

Our dramatic company have retired until winter comes again, or that before election, two years from now, who knows?

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A conference committee composed of W. F. Slaughter, Thos. Cooper and Joseph Vanharlicom was appointed, however, before the meeting adjourned.

Committee reported that populists were willing to concede clerk and treasurer. This report was not accepted and committee instructed to ask more offices. The surveyor was finally conceded to the democrats when the convention proceeded to nominate following ticket:

Clerk—Harry Henderson, of Mayer. Treasurer—W. B. Dillard, of St. Helens. Surveyor—Edwin Merrill, of Deer Island. A. N. Clark was nominated for justice of the peace, and John Scott for constable.

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VALLEY NEWS ITEMS.

Wm. Miller is on the sick list. School starts on the first Monday in April next.

Two inches of snow fell here on Sunday night.

Mr. Marshall is working at his trade in Portland.

Wm. Groucher found himself on his ranch last week again.

J. Dupont is clearing more land; Miller is digging stumps.

N. J. Dupont started for smelt fishing last Sunday afternoon.

Leo Dupont, after a few days' sickness with a lame back, went to his work again on Monday.

J. Shieber has sowed his oats and peas, and everybody else are in a hurry getting in their spring crop.

PREPARING FOR WAR

President Will Intervene to Stop the Cuban War.

The Report of the Court of Inquiry in the Maine Disaster is Expected Today.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The feeling was universal in official circles today that the culmination of the Spanish crisis was near at hand. With the report of the Maine court of inquiry only a little while off, with the White House the center of long and earnest conferences between the president and party leaders of congress and with exceptional activity towards emergency preparations, there was an abundance of evidence that definite rerulic regarding the Maine disaster and the Cuban question in general were about to be reached. Among the president's callers were Senators Cockrell, Turpie, and Foraker; General Daniel Sickles, ex-minister to Madrid, and Representative Smith, of Michigan, who has recently returned from a trip to Cuba.

The call of Senators Cockrell and Turpie was regarded as particularly significant, as they are representative democrats in the senate, and their visit followed that of Senator Gorman yesterday. It was generally understood that in the present emergency, the president desires patriotic unity without reference to party.

Secretaries Long and Alger also conferred with the president.

There has been no change in the plan of sending the Maine report to congress early next week, probably Monday, accompanied by a message from the president. It is definitely settled, however, that the message and papers accompanying it will relate exclusively to the Maine disaster. It will not take in the fearful condition of affairs in Cuba, as shown by the reports by United States consuls, they being reserved for a subsequent message to congress.

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