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County Republican Ticket.

For Representative—DR. J. E. HALL, For County Clerk—J. G. WATTS, For County Sheriff—W. N. MESERVE

A CHANGE OF POLICY.

When the farmers of the country stop to compare their condition at the close of a year's trial of republican administration and protective policy with that of the years immediately preceding it under democratic administration and free-trade policy they must reach the conclusion that it is not a case of happen-so, but that just so long as the government in under democratic free-trade control, business will be stagnated, factories closed, men out of employment, wages reduced, and farm products low in price and slow of sale.

There are two things the state convention now in session at Astoria can do which will be highly satisfactory to Columbia county people. First will be the nomination of Hon. T. T. Geer for governor, and second, the nomination of Hon. Frank A. Moore for associate justice of the state supreme court.

It is one to base their judgment on current events, Oregon, and especially the Columbia river section, will be a lively country for the next few years. It is a source of much gratification to read of the increasing demand for timber lands, for in this respect North-western Oregon cannot be beaten in the United States, and few sections equal it in point of quantity and quality of timber.

COLUMBIA county republicans this year have a ticket they can work and vote for with perfect confidence and assurance that if it is elected the different persons will perform the duties of their respective offices in a manner creditable to themselves, with honor to the party and safety to their constituency.

Just a straight ballot on election day—no swapping—and the republican ticket is safe. Swapping is unnecessary, for every man on the ticket is sure of election.

Unless all signs fail Hon. T. T. Geer will be nominated for governor at the hands of the convention now in session at Astoria.

COMMUNICATED.

Editor OREGON MIST: I suppose you have had quite a rush from Oregon to the Klondike this spring. I see by the Denver papers that it is somewhat over with. Not such good reports from there as last fall, I suppose is the cause. I do not suppose you realize to what extent mining is developing in this state. I thought a few remarks from me on my personal observation to print in your paper might be of interest to your readers.

Two years ago last August I spent three weeks in Cripple Creek district. I went from Denver to Colorado Springs by train; then over the mountains to the mining district. I only wish some of the people of Columbia county could just see that mountain road. It takes 3 to 5 hours to reach the first level spot on the first hill; it is one steady grade. The road is 40 to 50 feet wide, and not a rock of any size is allowed to remain in the road, as there are men stationed to travel over the same and keep it in repair.

The first mine that came in sight was the Victor, on the northeast side of what is known as Bull hill. From there to Victor was over two miles, where is situated the famous Independence and Portland group of mines. As I have been in the hoisting house of the Independence mine it might be of interest to describe it: They have six boilers, each of them being as large as the ones in the St. Helens sawmill, which furnish the power to run 2 air-compressor machines, 2 engines for hoisting the cages, the pumps that keep the mines dry; also the electric power that lights the main workings of the mine. Connected with the mine are all necessary shops to keep the machinery and drills in repair; also ore bins. The output of the mine is claimed to be about \$50,000 per month, but is claimed that Stratton, the owner, could, if he saw fit, produce \$1,000,000 per month.

I will now go back to show the difference between the territory between the Victor and Independence mine over two years ago and the way I found it last fall. There was not a shipping mine; no houses, only a few mining shafts' houses, but the ground was well dug up with prospect holes. Today there is the town of Goldfield with 800 to 1000 people; Independence, 500 to 600; Altman, the nearest town in the United States, (10,700 feet, nearly 1000 feet higher than Mt. St. Helens, still there is timber growing on the north side of the hill) with from 500 to 1000 population; there is also a place called Hull City; in fact it is almost a continuous town from Victor to Altman. I could not begin to tell you the shipping mines in that territory now, but since my arrival last fall there has been a number of new ones added. The output of gold is now over \$1,000,000 in that one district.

Boulder county, west of Denver, has a new camp started by the name of Eldora which is claimed by some will be a second Cripple Creek. Last week they struck a lead that carried gold \$100 to the pound, and two other leads that went \$50 to the pound. There has been hundreds of people going there for the past 3 months. There will be a great rush to the Grand Encampment, Wyoming; La Salle mountains, this state; White Horn mountains, Duray, Idaho Springs, Gilpin county, and in fact every part of the state, as soon as the snows stop. It is looked forward by business mining men to be the greatest mining year that state ever witnessed.

There has been found a tin mine within 20 miles of Denver 60 feet in width; also uranium, bismuth, cobalt, and asbestos, in paying quantities. Some of the above minerals are more valuable than gold. I am fully satisfied that anyone wishing to follow mining for a living could take the amount it takes to go to Alaska and stand just as good a chance to make a raise prospecting in this state, and take no chance of losing their lives. If I had known a few years ago about mining as I do now, I would have bid farewell to Oregon and spent my life in these mountains. I expect to make a trip to some part of this state the coming summer. It is also remarkable to see the inventions for saving gold from the different kinds of rock. I saw a new invention a few days ago in operation that they claim gets \$14 in gold out of Cherry creek, where the best assays only get about \$2. I also heard yesterday of a new invention that is claimed to save floating gold. If it should prove a success, there is no telling how valuable those sand bars on Lewis river might become. I intend to keep posted on the success or failure of the same, as I am interested in the welfare of my own state. Yours, S. H. TAYLOR. Address 2037, Lincoln Ave.

MOODY FOR CONGRESS. The second congressional district convention held at Astoria Wednesday, nominated Malcolm A. Moody, of The Dalles, for congress by acclamation. Some trouble was at first had as to which of the Multnomah delegations should be seated, when it was finally agreed that the differences should be settled by delegates outside of Multnomah county, the ballot showing 47 in favor and 23 against seating what is termed the regular delegates from Multnomah county. Upon this decision Smith, of Wasco, in a few well-chosen and brilliant words, nominated Malcolm A. Moody, for congress, when later the rules were suspended and Mr. Moody nominated by acclamation. OTHER ITEMS. According to reports in yesterday's paper, T. T. Geer will be nominated for governor by acclamation. Chief Justice Frank A. Moore is said to have no opposition for re-nomination, and it is expected he will be nominated by acclamation. Both Thos. A. McBride, for judge, and Thos. J. Cleeson, for district attorney, were re-nominated Thursday forenoon.

INTERVENTION AT ONCE. WASHINGTON, April 12.—The house of representatives today, after one of the most exciting and memorable days in its history, by a vote of 222 to 19, adopted a resolution which nine-tenths of its members believe makes war with Spain inevitable. It is a fact which was grimly commented upon today by members as they spoke of the future, that every year in which the United States has engaged in war, and that today was the anniversary of the fall of Fort Sumter, which aroused the patriotic fever of the North and made the four years' civil strife a certainty. The resolution adopted directs the president to intervene at once in Cuba, to restore peace and secure to the people of the island "a stable, independent government of their own," and authorizes him to use the army and navy to execute the purpose of the resolution.

FOR THE SALARY.

William N. Meserve, the nominee for sheriff on the republican ticket, was in town Thursday morning on his way to Nehalem valley to do some surveying. He was seen by the editor of this paper, and when asked what he proposed to do in regard to running the sheriff's office for the salary provided by law, if elected, said: "While there was no resolution to that effect adopted by the convention which honored me with the nomination, it had been my intention ever since I became a candidate for the place, if nominated and elected, to accept the office for the salary the law guarantees as economical administration of its affairs as it is possible to render."

HOULTON HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. Hall was in Portland Monday. Mrs. Jas. Cox visited in Portland Monday. P. G. Baker, of Portland, spent Sunday in this place. Mr. and Mrs. Martin White returned home Tuesday. The farmers around here are busy putting in their crops. Mrs. J. Weed and children returned home from Philomath last week. The Adverts are holding revival meetings in N. A. Perry's hall this week. James Bradlock has gone to Scappoose to finish up his contract getting out white fir.

Mrs. Lizie Kelso, who has been quite ill for some time, is able to walk around, and her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery. David Henshaw has commenced his spring housecleaning by painting the outside of his house. N. A. Perry took a trip to Portland Monday to secure material for his new residence which he is about to erect. Houlton will be well represented at the mask ball Friday evening by the preparation that is being made by our young people.

BACHELOR FLATS.

A number of our people attended the republican primary in St. Helens. D. H. Pope spent a few days of last week in Portland and up-river points on business. School commenced Monday, the 4th inst., with Miss Burlingame, of Houlton, as teacher. Mrs. Sheffield, of Seattle, is visiting with her sons, William and Frank, of this place, for a few weeks. William Sheffield and brother have been hauling hay from the Freeman place, west of Warren, the past few days. John Lundgren, of the firm of Brown, Young, Lundgren & Hamuel, of Portland, was in this place Thursday last. E. F. Ridley, who has been working in the Wikstrom & Day logging camp for some time, returned home Saturday.

In the middle flats there has been some big improvements this winter and spring in the tone of fencing, clearing land, etc.quire Early went down the river since the other writing, where he intends to spend the summer working in a logging camp. Dave Early and father arrived at Van Early's Monday last week from Nehalem. Mr. Early returned home Tuesday, but Dave will work in this neighborhood for a while.

It is reported the new Sume company wishes to purchase all the wood obtainable in the woods. Some of the choppers say they can have it if they pay \$1.15 per cord, and not for less.

VERNONIA GLEANINGS.

Fine April showers. Some of our citizens have the Spanish fever. Charles Armstrong started for Eastern Oregon last Sunday to secure employment. George Rice arrived in Tuesday with a load of merchandise for F. A. Zilkitt. He was accompanied by his wife. Wm. M. Wilson went to Forest Grove on Tuesday, returning Thursday, accompanied by his son, Will, and daughter Dena, who have been attending school at Philomath.

Mrs. Sarah Armstrong left on Tuesday for a short visit with her son, A. D. Allen, at Forest Grove. Messrs. U. M. Beeghly and C. W. Melinger left Tuesday for Clatskanie to attend the republican convention.

Albert and John Baker left this week for Scappoose, where they have a job of work putting in timber on the paper mills. Van Early was in from Scappoose visiting friends and relatives this week. Frank Melstrom bade adieu to kindred and friends Friday for an extended visit to the East.

A. Marchion has purchased a state right to sell the patent gas of Frank D. Baker, and expects to start for California and begin his work soon. We are informed that another thunder storm is about to break over the heads of our citizens. We hope that peace will soon be declared. Miss Ida Wilson left Tuesday for Elm, where she has been engaged to teach a term of school.

Miss Emma Haines, of West Portland, has been engaged to teach the coming term of school in district No. 14. John Edholm left Tuesday for Westport, where he has been engaged to work in McGreger's camp on the coming season. Mrs. A. Shannahan and daughter, Merle, left Friday to visit friends near Boxton for a few days.

The republicans in this neck of the woods are well pleased with the ticket the republicans placed in the field, and will endeavor to elect the same. Rev. F. M. Fisher, our pastor for the past year, left Wednesday for Salem to attend the annual conference of the Evangelical association. We sincerely hope that he may be returned to this work the ensuing year. About Logs and Cordwood.

"The lumber trade in Portland is at the present time in a better condition than it has been for many years during the months of February and March." This was said by the manager of one of the mills. There is a great deal of trouble in securing logs of the correct length and size necessary to the filling of orders, and the loggers have the control of the market as never before. The tonnage facilities this season have been very scarce owing to the fact that the Klondike trade has pressed into service all the steam schooners available, having left but a few of the sailing craft to do the carrying trade for the coast and foreign ports. Thus it is almost impossible for the mill companies to secure water transportation of any kind. The railway trade has been very good thus far, and a great many cars are sent out daily by all the mills. The outlook for Portland's future supply of wood is not very bright just at present. All the wood which was within hauling dis-

tance has been hauled long ago, and great barges of wood are being sent up from Lake river and Scappoose, but this supply is also limited, and it may not be a great many years before Portland will be sending far out into the country for fuel.—Telegram.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR. March 15th, 1896. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on May 2nd, 1896, viz: EMERY BICKNELL, Homestead Entry, No. 10,567, for the east 1/4 of northeast 1/4, and north 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of section 2, township 2 north, range 2 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land: Wm. L. Brown, Frederick H. Nienstedt, of Astoria, Oregon; Lewis F. Baner, of Hudson, Oregon; and James L. Butts, of Astoria, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

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