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## MAKE IT UNANIMOUS

Just now there appears to be little doubt that it is Senator Cake of Oregon. Once the campaign started it was speedily seen that the oft-boasted personal popularity of Governor Chamberlain was not so almighty stout as it was once. Various things that some folks have known about our chief executive have come to light, and a lot of folks are today doubtful if George was such a whale of a man after all.

The nearer Oregon makes it unanimous for Cake the better for Oregon. There are a few places where party politics still count; they don't usually in city, county and district affairs; but they do in national affairs, especially in the upper house of Congress, where the majority party gets what it wants and the minority sits tight and waits. Oregon wants a lot of things from Congress; it can never get them through a democratic senator.

Between the men personally the issue is not drawn; it is not a personal campaign; if it was Mr. Cake would not be on the defensive.

It is also remembered that Cake was one of the Republicans who had the nerve to stand on a Statement No. 1 platform when it looked as though that meant defeat; he stood for the popular election of the United States Senator whether it profited him or not; Chamberlain stood for it because it was his sole chance of ever landing the place.

The vast difference between being good because you hope it will pay, and because it is right, represents the difference between the stand of Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Cake.

## FAIR EXHIBIT.

It is to be hoped that the farmers of Columbia County will do all in their power to assist Mr. W. J. Fullerton in his efforts to make a creditable showing at the State Fair this fall. There is no earthly reason why Columbia County should take a back seat for any county in the state unless it is the indifference of the people to its welfare. If we want people to come here and settle up our vacant land we must show the goods. Mr. Fullerton is a hardworking and conscientious official, and with proper assistance can be depended upon to worthily represent the county. Come through, Gentlemen, Come through.

Mr. Chamberlain is willing Oregon should have a Republican Governor provided he can step from the executive office at Salem to the United States Senate at Washington. At one time he insisted that the prosperity of Oregon depended on a Democratic Governor as a member of the State Board. A fat lot our George cares for his party. His lithos do not even state that he is a Democrat and he has not dared to tell his audiences how he stands on party principles. In Oregon the party is George and George is the party.

If you vote for Chamberlain don't forget to vote for Bryan in November. To vote for one and not the other would be the extreme of inconsistency.

After the election is over, if Mr. Chamberlain should receive a majority of the votes cast for United States Senator, our Democratic friends will quit talking nonpartisanship and give their Republican dupes the horse laugh they will have so richly earned.

In some respects the Chamberlain administration resembles the Christian religion. There is pardon for the vilest sinner and, he does not even need to repent. All that is necessary is for him to have a pull.

## TO REPUBLICANS

There are 1515 registered Republican voters in Columbia County, 274 Democrats, 141 Socialists, 201 Independents and 36 Promotionists, a clean majority over all of 652 votes. If the Socialists and Democrats stick to their own ticket there should be a plurality for the Republican nominee for Senator of at least eleven hundred votes, and we see no good reason to expect any other result.

There is no true independence in freak voting and the Republican who votes for the Democratic nominee for United States Senator simply makes himself ridiculous and affords amusement for his political enemies. Both men are able, and the only question is whether you desire a Democratic or Republican United States Senator.

## DIRTY METHODS

Parties interested in the election of A. N. Hamilton to the office of Railroad Commissioner have this week sent out to the voters of the Second District circulars anonymously attacking the character of Clyde B. Aitchison, the Republican nominee. Anyone who makes an anonymous attack upon the character of another is presumably a liar, and it takes a large amount of evidence to overcome this presumption. It is especially cowardly for Hamilton or his friends to refer to the fact that C. B. Aitchison's brother was one of the officials of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company. The statement that Clyde B. Aitchison "was the legal adviser for the Title Guarantee and Trust Company" is also a lie in that it is an attempt to deceive, as it does not state that Mr. Aitchison has not been the legal adviser of that company for several years. The statement that State Treasurer Steel appointed Mr. Aitchison State Railroad Commissioner is another lie, because it takes a majority of the State Board to appoint, and Governor Chamberlain and Secretary Benson had just as much say in the matter as Mr. Steel. Voters in Columbia County should remember that Mr. Aitchison's record has been so good that it earned him the solid support of the lumber manufacturers, who are more interested than any others in securing fair treatment from the railroad corporations.

## A SWEDISH HUMORIST

There is a display of very beautiful and unique furniture in one of Portland's leading furniture stores, but the display itself is no more unique than the announcement attached to it, which informs the reader that "this furniture was made by Mr. John Anderson, architect of King Oscar of Sweden." When John drew the plans and specifications for the construction of King Oscar's trust he did not contemplate quite as crooked a piece of work as he has evolved from the vine maple of the Nehalem valley. The announcement further states: "There is a somewhat curious history connected with this furniture. Mr. Anderson came to this country, and, searching for solitude, went to the Nehalem valley, where he spent one year, and, as a pastime, amused himself digging out vine maple roots and making pretty and odd pieces of furniture."

We are sorry Mr. Anderson left the Nehalem valley. He had a mission to perform there. Any man who regards digging vine maple roots as a pastime and source of amusement, should live a life of uncontrolled gaiety in the Nehalem valley. There is a stretch of country between Vernonia and Dave Freeman's place on the Fish Hawk containing enough vine maple roots to keep the Swedish nation bubbling with joy for the next century. But why should Mr. Anderson's sense of humor discriminate in favor of vine maple? There is the noble fir, upon which the patient plodders of that valley have worn their lives away, without making much impression. If the architect of King Oscar will place fir stumps upon his list of pastimes and amusements, and can persuade about ten thousand of his countrymen that they can extract amusement from the pastime of extracting fir stumps, there will be something doing across the ridge that divides the beautiful Nehalem from the grand Columbia. No more will the worthy pioneers of that delightful but little known region suffer the pangs of hope deferred. No more will they be compelled to present to the railroad octopus their claims for consideration. Mr. Lytle will get a move on him that will make all his previous efforts seem like Portland's last year's baseball team compared with its present aggregation. The Swedish sense of humor should be cultivated, and there could be no more competent cultivator than the architect of King Oscar.

No county has a more efficient clerk than Columbia County has in the person of W. A. Harris. He understands the business and can give better service than could be expected from any new man.

During the last three months of 1907 the railroad casualties were 20,458, of which 1092 were killed and 19,366 injured. Such a showing in the whole of Europe would create consternation there.

Martin White is a sure winner for sheriff. It is only a question as to the size of his majority. Might as well make it unanimous for Martin.

## What About Salmon Protection?

That the food fish of our State need better protection than is now afforded is agreed.

You have already or doubtless will receive considerable literature on the subject, but no matter how attractive the argument, stop and consider how much it may be colored by self-interest.

The United States Bureau of Fisheries are the greatest expert authorities on the subject and have on ax to grind.

Read what they say:  
Hon. Charles W. Fulton,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir: The Department realizes the importance of the various questions affecting the salmon fishery in the Columbia River brought up in your letter of the 18th ultimo, and has taken this opportunity to make a thorough investigation of the matter. There can be no question that the status of the fishery is unsatisfactory, and that under existing conditions the trend may be expected to be steadily downward, with the result that in a comparatively few years the run of salmon in that stream will be reduced to such a degree that thousands of fishermen may be thrown out of employment and much capital rendered idle. The Federal Government is without any jurisdiction whatever in the premises, and the duty of conserving the salmon supply in the Columbia devolves on the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho; but this Department has been charged by Congress with important fish-cultural operations in the Columbia basin, and has felt impelled from time to time to direct attention to the necessity for giving adequate protection to the various species of salmon frequenting the stream. The Department is convinced that the run of salmon in the Columbia can be amply maintained for an indefinite period if artificial propagation is supplemented by rational protection; but artificial propagation alone cannot cope with the situation, and, as a matter of fact, the recent experience of the Department has shown that its beneficent labors are rendered more futile by the failure of the state to appreciate this fact.

The department sees no reason for advocating the elimination of fish wheels from the river, as there is no evidence to show that this form of apparatus is particularly destructive to salmon. A condition that is specially favorable for the passage of salmon—namely, very high water—renders the wheels unserviceable and, on the other hand, periods of very low water, when the fish are much re-

stricted in their movements, are also unfavorable for the wheels. During the past two or three seasons the catch of salmon by wheels has been comparatively small, but even if it were very large it would be a fact of no special significance in the present connection.

The Columbia River is, however, made to yield a quantity of salmon far greater than regard for the future supply permits, and the drain is yearly becoming more serious. No one familiar with the situation can fail to appreciate the menace to the perpetuity of the industry that is furnished by the concentration of a tremendous amount of fixed and floating apparatus of capture and near the mouth of the river. This apparatus comprises about 400 pound net or traps, over 80 long-sweep seines, and more than 2,200 gill nets, the last having an aggregate approximate length of over 570 miles; and these appliances capture more than 95 per cent of the fish taken in the Oregon and Washington waters of the river, the figures for 1904 being nearly 34,000,000 pounds, or 98.7 per cent of the total yield. Under such conditions, it is self-evident that but comparatively few fish are permitted to reach the upper waters where the spawning grounds are located.

The details of the measures necessary to place the salmon industry of the Columbia River on a permanent basis cannot be elaborated by the Department at this time, but in general it may be said that there should be (1) restriction on the amount of apparatus employed in a given section; (2) an adequate weekly close season covering possibly two days at first, but reduced later if the circumstances warrant it; (3) an annual close season, preferably at the beginning of the salmon run, and (4) joint arrangements between the States, so that protective measures may be harmonious.

Respectfully yours,  
(Signed) OSCAR S. STRAUS  
Secretary.

Bill No. 318 embodies Government recommendations and should pass. It is a square deal for all.

VOTE 318 — X — YES

Bill No. 333 was framed to suit the selfish interest of a single locality. It is against the Government recommendations, and will mean a heavy tax on the State to carry out its provisions. It favors monopoly and is unfair. It should not pass.

VOTE 333 — X — NO

DeWitt's Little Early Risers are small, safe, sure and gentle little pills sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

It would be a happy coincidence if the restoration of the motto to the coins and a good emergency currency law should come together.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup does not constipate, but on the other hand its laxative principals gently move the bowels. Children like it. Sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

Japanese politeness has been shaken as last. The Tokio press refers to the Chinese embargo under some other name than the honorable boycott.

The ameer of Afghanistan excuses himself on the ground that he has a wicked partner. In diplomacy and statecraft the Oriental mind is not so peculiar after all.

Syrup of White Pine and Tar, the old reliable cough remedy. For sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

W. K. Tichenor has retired as a member of the Tichenor Lumber Company, Clatskanie. Mr. Tichenor will engage in the stock business.

The plant of the Oregon-Kansas Lumber Company, at Rainier, has been thoroughly overhauled and the capacity increased to 85,000 feet daily. A band saw has been installed.

FREE PAMPHLETS—The Houlton-St. Helens Commercial Club, by its secretary, M. C. Gray, will furnish free pamphlets advertising the resources of Columbia County, to all who desire to send them to friends in the East who may contemplate moving to Oregon. Now is the time to put these pamphlets where they will do the most good. They will just fit a business envelope.

Vote For  
**W. J. FULLERTON**  
FOR REPRESENTATIVE

A Native Son of Columbia County.  
A strong supporter of Statement No. 1.  
I advocate, and if elected, pledge my measure, the support of the following measures:  
The election of road supervisors by the people.  
State aid for construction of good roads.  
The abolition of all stationary fishing gear in the Columbia River and its tributaries.  
An amendment to the constitution allowing each county to fix the compensation of its own officials.

For County Judge  
**U. W. CLARK**  
A Fair and Non-Partisan Administration  
Office.

For County Judge  
**James D. ...**  
Well known to all old residents of Columbia County as a man who has proved himself able and worthy in the administration of private and public business.

TO THE VOTERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY  
I urge the utmost patriotism and business brought before the organization, that the vote of each a matter of record. I pledge give a personal assessment, June, and give fair warning men, lumbermen, corporations will receive no favors as property on a uniform and regardless of persons. I am with no ring or combination give the people, as I have pledged myself, a just, equitable assessment and I do just what I say.  
ALFRED B. ...  
Republican Nominee

**STATE BANK**  
**RAINIER**  
RAINIER, OREGON  
CAPITAL \$25,000  
For per cent interest on saving deposits, compounded semi-annually March 1 and September 1.  
W. B. LOTTMAN, Cashier  
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**Columbia County**  
Does General Bank  
Principal Correspondent  
First National Bank, Portland  
Hanover National Bank, ...  
W. M. ROSS, Proprietor  
ST. HELENS, OREGON

**D. R. EDWIN ROSS**  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
ST. HELENS, OREGON

**D. R. H. R. CLIFF**  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
ST. HELENS, OREGON

**BALDWIN & SHERWOOD**  
UNDERTAKERS AND EMBALMERS  
Hearse for funerals at all points on rail. Phone at our expense.  
RAINIER, OREGON

**Steamer Ira**  
C. I. Hooghkirk, Agent  
RAILROAD TIME  
Leaves Rainier daily (except Sundays) at 6 A. M., departing from Portland at 6 P. M., returning from Portland at 6 A. M., arriving at St. Helens at 6 A. M.  
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FOR PORTLAND DAILY  
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