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THE SALOON AGAIN

The people of Columbia County have decided against prohibition, and, as Union precinct gave a majority for the "wets" we will soon have at least five saloons in Houlton and St. Helens, especially as Scappoose has gone "dry" and the thirsty ones of that neighborhood will probably come to St. Helens or Houlton when they desire to "tank up." The saloons at Scappoose were run on the "wide open plan;" gambling has been permitted and other practices indulged in until even the drinking men revolted and swept them out of existence. How will it be in St. Helens and Houlton? Have the local authorities enough stamina to see that the saloons to be established are conducted in strict conformity with the law and to revoke promptly the license of any saloon keeper who fails to obey its mandates? Public sentiment demands it, and the liquor interests will do well to comply with the sentiment and do their utmost to see that their business is conducted in a manner to avert as long as possible the complete triumph of prohibition. The prohibitionists are making immense gains throughout the country, and it is undoubtedly true that the only thing that prevented their triumph in Columbia County last Monday was the question of local taxation. The pocket nerve is extremely sensitive, and in Rainier, St. Helens, Clatskanie and Houlton it undoubtedly controlled a sufficient number of votes to have changed the result had they been cast in accordance with the belief of the voters. We have tried prohibition for two years years in St. Helens and the town has prospered. No industry has been kept from coming here by the absence of liquor, the business of our merchants has been increased and the town has been a better place for people to live in and raise families than it was three years ago, when it was a rare thing to be able to pass along the streets without seeing a drunken man and hearing foul language. It is going to be up to the saloon keepers to say whether they will conduct their business in a manner to appease public sentiment, and the Mist, if it remains under the control of the present owner, will not hesitate to make public the real state of affairs.

Another matter that needs the prompt attention of our council is the license fee. Six hundred dollars is not too high. If we are sanctioning saloons because we need the money, it is well to get all we can out of them. If it prevents any one from entering the business, so much the better.

The proposition by the National Council of commerce to establish in Washington an agency of the council for the dissemination of information respecting domestic and foreign commerce is one that should meet with the hearty support of all. It is estimated by Secretary Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor and by the advisory committee of National Council of Commerce that the maintenance of a proper agency in Washington, in order to fully take advantage of important information, would cost the merchants and manufacturers of the country only about \$20,000 a year.

This session of congress has broken all records in the number of bills introduced, the total being 29,125. Thirty-eight treaties have been ratified and made public, more than had been ratified during the twenty years preceding.

This month four years ago the United States took hold of the Panama Canal Zone, and began the solution of a problem mainly to be solved by hard and honest work.

THE LOCAL RESULT

The result of the election in Columbia County is in the main a protest against the attempt of Portland capitalists to interfere for their own selfish purposes in the financial end of the politics of Columbia County. Men who had advocated the equal taxation of all property were opposed by a corrupt combination of timber land owners and tax dodgers who, by having a large number of uninterested voters in their employ, were able to control the primary election. They thought that in a county so strongly Republican there would be sure success for whoever secured the Republican nomination, and, therefore, they were not at all careful to conceal their methods. Success met them at the primaries, but at once the reaction set in. Even before the voting closed at Clatskanie numbers of business men had expressed their disgust at the spectacle presented of men being voted as sheep are driven to the slaughter pens, with a bell wether in the lead and a sheep dog bringing up the rear. It became plain to the everyday citizen that, whether or not the successful candidates had entered into a contract with the tax dodgers, they had their support, and the people were fearful of the result. The Mist exposed this state of affairs, and, as it circulated about one thousand copies weekly, it can be held responsible for the result. There were, of course, other causes of a purely personal nature, but we believe we have correctly stated the main factor that overcame a normal plurality of at least six hundred, and elected a Democratic Judge and Assessor.

James Dart and Uther Clark are men in whom the people of the county place the most implicit confidence and it is doubtful whether any other Democrats could have been elected to the offices they will hold. That Mr. Clark will make a good assessor we have no doubt. He is perfectly conscientious and no class of property owners will be unfairly treated. Men of great wealth and corporations will be compelled to bear their just share of the burden of taxation, but there will be no discrimination against them. He will make errors, but will do no intentional wrong, and will fully justify the confidence the people will have reposed in him.

Mr. James Dart is a business man of integrity and ability. No graft will prosper while he is judge and no personal friendship will interfere with his discharge of the duties of that office. Though not a lawyer he will make a careful and precise judge of probate and negligent and recalcitrant administrators will be compelled to conduct the business entrusted to them on business principles and in the interests of the beneficiaries. The only fear expressed as to Judge Dart's administration is that it will be too conservative. The people want good roads and bridges, and are willing to bear the necessary expense. We know Judge Dart will be honest and economical and see that the taxpayers get a dollar's worth for a dollar expended, but we hope that he will also be progressive and see that the great needs of the county are properly cared for.

TAKE THE MEDICINE

Governor Chamberlain, a Democrat, has received a majority of the votes cast at the recent election for the office of United States Senator, and a majority of State No. 1 candidates have been elected to the State Legislature. Here is a plain expression of the people that they desire Chamberlain to represent Oregon in the United States Senate. The State is normally thirty thousand Republican, but the land frauds and the contentions of factions have brought the party to such a disorganized condition that Republicans refuse to vote the ticket even for national offices. It is said the Fulton men knifed Cake, and whether they did or not the result will be the same, and Mr. Fulton, should he again aspire for the position, will be knifed by the friends of Mr. Cake. There is but one way to avert this, and that is for the Republican party to "take its medicine" and insist upon the election of Mr. Chamberlain when the Legislature meets in January next. It may possibly be that a six year term of a Democratic United States Senator will cure the Republican voters of their folly and enable them to unite on some candidate who will poll the full strength of the party. There will be no chance for Chamberlain to work the non partisan racket in the United States Senate. The leaders of the Democratic party will tell George what to do, and he will do it. Such men as John Sharp Williams and Benjamin Tillman will see to it that the Democratic Senator from Oregon stands up to be counted on every partisan measure and lends his aid to every attempt to obstruct the enactment of Republican law. He is an able man and he has reached the summit of his ambition and will promptly kick into the ditch the nonpartisan ladder on which he mounted. Bourne, the populist, and Chamberlain the Democrat. Isn't that a great team to represent Republican Oregon?

It is estimated that forty years hence this country will have a population of 200,000,000 and several cities of from two millions to ten millions each. As St. Louis has already reached the fourth place the Million Club will have to step lively to keep up with the procession.

The government maintains, at an expense of over \$3,250,000 a year, a diplomatic and consular service in all parts of the world for the purpose, among other things, of aiding the commerce of the country by gathering information of value to American business interests. To-day there is no medium efficiently comprehensive properly to take advantage of this information or through which it can be disseminated so that it will reach these merchants and manufacturers specially interested, but with the establishment of an information agency, with a permanent bureau in Washington intelligence of a commercial value could be conveyed to all merchants and manufacturers concerned therein throughout the country.

An agitation has been started by the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, whose headquarters are now in New York city, against the sending of books by American firms to European cities to be bound as works of art and shipped back to this country, and they expect to take up the matter at their annual convention in June and an amendment to the tariff law will be asked by which an ad valorem duty would be levied on such books when shipped back here.

We heartily concur in the opinion recently expressed by a New York contemporary that, "Thomas C. Platt in the Senate is a more revolting spectacle than the bookmaker at the race track."

Accurate figures are not yet obtainable but careful estimate put the total appropriations of this session of Congress at \$1,020,000,000. This is \$100,000 more than has been expended by any other Congress.

In a current magazine Speaker Cannon has an article on, "How a bill becomes a law." The general public would be much more interested in an article on Why bills do not become laws. Speaker Cannon could furnish more information on this subject perhaps, than any other one man.

More men work for the United States Steel Company than for the States Government. No wonder the steel trust is so hard to regulate.

Mobile gave the Von Yonson delegates a majority of two to one over the Bryan ticket. The sentiment of Mobile is that a third licking may be unavoidable, but it is not desirable.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little liver pills are sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

A spider eats twenty times its weight in one day. Among the things for which a man can be thankful, at the present price of marketing, is that he is built on another plan.

DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills are prompt and thorough and will in a very short time strengthen the weakened kidneys. Sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

David B. Hill will leave in July for his first visit to Europe. Mr. Hill is a Democrat still, so still that he prefers to be out of the country during another Bryan racket.

Kodol is the best known preparation that is offered to the people today for dyspepsia or indigestion or any stomach trouble. Kodol digests all foods. It is sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

Having admitted that one of Mao Wood's letters gave him such satisfaction that he was even reconciled to the election of Odell, Senator Platt ought to pay liberally.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup is the one that children like so well to take as it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. It acts gently yet freely on the bowels and thereby it drives the cold out of the system. Sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

If the stampede should come early Julius Caesar Burrows would know how to check it.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is especially good for piles. Be sure to get DeWitt's. Sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

The pettily of women has had another illustration in the case of Mrs. Guinness, who was false even to her teeth.

When you need to take something take it promptly for the stomach, but take something that you know is reliable—something like Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion. Kodol is pleasant to take, it is reliable and is guaranteed to give relief. It is sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

All of the farmers who have old corn on hand are eligible to membership in the St. Louis Sunshine Club.

Thinks It Saved His Life

Lester M. Nelson, of Naples, Maine, says in a recent letter: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery many years, for coughs and colds, and I think it saved my life. I have found it a reliable remedy for throat and lung complaints, and would not be without a bottle than I would be without food." For nearly forty years New Discovery has stood at the head of throat and lung remedies. As a preventive of pneumonia, and healer of weak lungs it has no equal. Sold under guarantee at Houlton, Deer Island, Warren and Scappoose dealers, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Everybody should bear in mind that the fewer the number of the unemployed, the better the basis for prosperity talk.

A Grand Family Medicine

"It gives me pleasure to speak a good word for Electric Bitters," writes Mr. Frank Coolan of No. 436 Houston St., New York. "It is a grand family medicine for dyspepsia and liver complications; while for lame back and weak kidneys it cannot be too highly recommended." Electric bitters regulate the digestive functions, purify the blood, and impart renewed vigor and vitality to the weak and debilitated of both sexes. Sold under guarantee by Houlton, Warren, Scappoose and Deer Island dealers 50c.

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

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.

Senator Bob Taylor has made his maiden speech in the Senate. As it contained nothing new it was also his old maiden speech.

The inventor of the telephone has solved the problem of air navigation. He has promised cheap runabout storage machines the summer will pass rapidly.

Badly Sprained Ankle Cured

Three years ago our daughter sprained her ankle and had been suffering severely for two days and nights—she could not sleep a minute. Mr. Stallings, of Rainier, told us of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. We went to the store and bought a bottle of it and bathed the ankle two or three times and she went to sleep and had a good night's rest. Next morning she was much better. In a short time could walk around. She had no more trouble with her ankle. M. BUCHHEIT, Hampton, Tenn. 25 cent sizes for sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

A London lecturer asserts that the grow in the coldest parts of Siberia will be found at the North pole. It is clear why the movement toward the pole continues. The world is in it.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve

Tom Moore, of Rural Route 1, Clatskanie, Ore., writes: "I had a bad sore on the instep of my foot and could do nothing that would heal it until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A half of a 25 cent box was the cure. It was by affecting a perfect cure" under guarantee by Houlton, Warren, Scappoose and Deer Island dealers.

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