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POLITICS IN UMATILLA.

By a careful reading of the clippings reproduced herewith, the candidacy of Mr. Geer for congress in his home county is not received with open arms by his county press. They seem to imply that Mr. Geer moved to Umatilla county for the especial purpose of gaining a residence for political prestige in eastern Oregon.

Since it became common knowledge in eastern Oregon that T. T. Geer is going to stand for the congressional nomination next spring, much dissatisfaction has been expressed at this action on his part.

People will say, and have already said, that Geer came over here to establish a hurried residence and "run for something." It is not fair to himself for Mr. Geer to stand in this attitude toward the people, many of whom have been his friends and supporters.

Let Mr. Geer stand for the senatorial nomination. He was once elected to that position by the people and he should be vindicated by his party.

Residence does not count in the senatorial election and Mr. Geer could urge his claims as a pioneer of eastern Oregon with much more consistency than he can while running for congress.

On a Statement No. 1 platform, Geer could probably be elected to the senate. In the congressional race he will be outdistanced a mile.

(Pilot Rock Record.)

No longer is the answer "damfino," when the average citizen is asked to explain why T. T. Geer shook the mud of the Waldo hills for the dunes of the sagebrush country. The honor of having an ex-governor to fraternize with for a twelve-month does not fall to the lot of every town the size of Pendleton. But other towns need not despair. If unsuccessful at the primaries he may move to Grant or Sherman.

Today is the anniversary of one of the most memorable speeches ever delivered in the United States senate, and that fact is recalled by many aged men of Washington, who lived in the national capital during those troubled times. It was on January 21, 1861, that Jefferson Davis, who later led the lost cause to defeat, arose in his place in the senate chamber and solemnly announced the secession of his state, Mississippi, from the union, and his withdrawal from the senate.

Those who heard the momentous address of Jefferson Davis, declare that it was a masterpiece of oratory, not impassioned, not vindictive, but abounding in expressions of love for his former colleagues and associations. It brought tears to the eyes of many senators, and after its conclusion nearly every member of the august body crowded around the tall, thin, towering form of the Mississippi statesman and shook his hand in farewell. The address was grave and earnest and delivered with all the courtly grace of a southern gentle-

man of the old school, but the force of the orator did not serve to hide the depths of feeling and emotion that animated the man.

The anniversary is especially memorable at this time because of the fact that the senate is now the center of oratorical activities of another southerner bearing the same name, Jefferson Davis, of Arkansas. Those who have had the opportunity to hear both men, however, declare that the similarity between the two men stops short at the name, and that the present Jefferson Davis, in appearance, actions and speech, is almost the direct opposite of his distinguished predecessor.

It is too bad that steps have not been taken towards the organization of a Chautauqua in this city! The chautauquas at Ashland and Oregon City have already contracted for their talent, which includes an address from John Sharp Williams, the democratic leader in the house of representatives. Both Ashland and Oregon City chautauquas are successful from a financial standpoint, and especially so to the business interests of both places. Talk about your county fair drawing crowds, they are not to be compared with a well conducted chautauqua. There is just room in this part of the state for one well patronized chautauqua and La Grande is the ideal location. If we do not, either Pendleton or Baker City, or some other live, wide-awake community will, and hundreds of our citizens will be making annual pilgrimages, instead of hundreds coming to us each year. But there is something of greater value than dollars and cents. The educational features of such meetings cannot but help have the most beneficial effect upon the community. Such associations have the effect of drawing a high class of people. There are hundreds in the United States, two in Oregon, and there should be one in eastern Oregon.

A few of the extreme would-like-to-be partisan republican newspapers in the state are loud in their protestations of our present primary law and would be glad to create sentiment that in time would result in returning to the good old days of the packed convention. Their grounds are that the primary destroys parties. Be that as it may it would be much better for the state to have had the republican party of Oregon entirely wiped out than to have continued the system that had been in common use in this state for the 25 years preceding the passage of the present primary law. It will be remembered that certain bosses were opposed to the adoption of our present voting system, known as the Australian ballot system, but a popular vote to return to the old way would not find enough supporters to make even a pretense of a campaign. The primary law in Oregon is a fixture and if it be true as is maintained by some that by its adoption it will destroy parties, it might be stated in rebuttal that if a just primary law will destroy a party, there is little excuse for that party to exist. No, the primary law will not destroy parties, but it may and, in fact, has already unhorsed not a few losses in this state and it is they, who are now trying to regain their prestige by overthrowing the primary law.

Elsewhere in this issue we reproduce a number of extracts from an illustrated edition of Union county, published by D. H. Stearns of Portland, which contains many matters of interest and also shows how dangerous it is to draw too heavily on the future. Mr. Stearns was undoubtedly impressed with the idea that the water power at Oro Dell would make that the leading town of the county and would eventually become the county seat. He was not so far off in another prediction, however, which is rapidly being brought about, and that is that it was possible for the towns of Oro Dell, Island City and La Grande to grow into one large city. Another statement which goes to show how we, as a state, are developing. This volume gives a copy of the credit of having the first creamery in the state—24 years ago. Today our dairy interests aggregate \$15,000,000, and by reference to the quality of stock the pioneers of this county introduced at the beginning, it is no wonder that we are looked upon as being the producers of the best horses and cattle of any of the counties in the state today.

It is now a mooted question whether the charter amendments recently passed at a special election in Baker City, was done legally. In fact any legal doubt existing as to the legality



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of a charter makes such a charter of little utility. If there is any doubt whatever about the legality of our proposed new charter, in case it receives the required number of votes, it had better be withdrawn or defeated. The present doubt is a result of a decision of Judge Cleland of Portland, whose decision as yet has not been sustained by the supreme court, neither is it likely to be prior to our city election.

Oregon City is waking up. The city council, at its last meeting, passed an ordinance compelling the electric light, telephone and telegraph companies to put their wires under ground on the principal streets. This will do away with the large unsightly poles that are a curse to all of our cities. They are not only unsightly, but are a menace to life and property.

California is preparing to do the wise thing. The republican state central committee will permit the voters in the republican primaries to express their choice for the presidential nominee. This is right and proper. No committee can properly represent an entire state on so important a matter, no matter how honest and sincere they may be.

In case the jury disagrees or in case of conviction and the supreme court grants a new trial or two, and Evelyn recites her story a few more times, this case will be like "Uncle Tom's Cabin"—we all know when little Eva will appear, so we can prepare to cry.

CREDITORS MEET TODAY

Creditors of the insolvent Hall-Damon company have been in meeting the entire day, in the office rooms in the rear of the Eastern Oregon Trust & Savings bank. During the morning session, bills and claims were filed and arranged. This afternoon they went into session again and at press time were still working with the business needing attention. Before the day is over a trustee will be elected, who will take charge of the bankrupt affairs.

Here's a Problem. A London paper, which is far enough away to be safe, started a Mary Ann problem thus: In the United States the Mexican dollar has an exchange value of 90 cents. In Mexico the American silver dollar has the same value. On the frontier of the United States, where Texas joins Mexico, there are two saloons, one on each side of the frontier. A cowboy buys a 10-cent drink of whisky at the American saloon and pays for it with an American silver dollar, receiving a Mexican dollar as change. With this he crosses the border, goes into the Mexican saloon for a 10-cent drink and receives an American dollar as exchange. It is evident that the limit of his purchasing power is the length of time he can stand. He finally wakes up with a bad headache and the American dollar with which he started. Who paid for the whiskey?

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the county court of the state of Oregon for Union county, their final account as administrators of the estate of John Peach, deceased, and that said court has

fixed Tuesday, the 4th day of February, 1908, as the time, and the court house in La Grande, Oregon, as the place for hearing all objections thereto and settling the same. WILLIAM G. PEACH, JAMES S. PEACH, Administrators of the Estate of John Peach, Deceased. w1-3-31 COCHRAN & COCHRAN.



ON THE FARM.

There's many a successful business man who sits in his city office and lets his mind slip back to his boyhood days on the farm. How good it felt to live! What an appetite he had! How good everything tasted! How sound his sleep was! How eagerly he rose with the sun and raced with him through the long day. And now he's a successful man. But he can't sleep. He doesn't enjoy his food. His stomach is weak, his nerves are shaken, and he no more rises with the sun to race eagerly against him. His vitality is low and now and again his heart seems to plunge in his breast as if it would break loose. That's the price he has paid for success.

The mischief of the whole business is that he buys "tablets" of one sort or another to "aid" his digestion, and indulges in bromides and other nerve stimulants, just to hold himself together, and wonders why he seems to be getting worse. The whole trouble with such a man generally lies in what is called a "weak" stomach. The food he eats does not nourish him because it is only partially digested and assimilated. No man can be stronger than his stomach, because it is in the stomach and allied organs of digestion and nutrition that strength is made from the food which is eaten.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It restores the strength of the body in the only way strength can be restored, by food which is perfectly digested and assimilated when the diseased stomach (with its allied organs) is cured of disease. It is a blood-making, body-building medicine, inasmuch as blood is made from food and the body is built up by blood. It is not a stimulant, containing neither alcohol or any other narcotic.

NO OTHER DOCTOR FOR ME.

"Last spring, early, I wrote you my feelings and condition," says Mr. A. J. Vanderwater, 873 West Division Street, Chicago, Ill. "and you advised me to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery (a few bottles), and then write you how I felt. I am happy to say I am getting to feel fine. In all I have taken six bottles of the 'Discovery' and four or five vials of the little 'Pellets.' They have done me worlds of good. All my friends say, 'Vanderwater, how well you are looking. What in the world have you been doing?' I tell them I have been doctoring with Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. 'Why,' they say, 'you haven't been there.' No, I say, but I took his 'Golden Medical Discovery' and his little 'Pellets.' These medicines have wrought the great change in me. From a slow motion of a man that could hardly crawl, tired and sick all the time, and could do no work; to a man who can work, sleep, eat, and feel fine, and that tired feeling is all going away. I am very thankful that I wrote to Dr. Pierce. His 'Golden Medical Discovery' and his little liver 'Pellets' have almost made a new man of me. I feel young as I did at thirty years. No other doctor for me, only Dr. Pierce."

HAD GIVEN UP HOPE.

"I will express my thanks to you for the kindly advice you have given me in regard to my case," writes Miss Carrie J. Wharton, of Danavant, Spotsylvania Co., Virginia. "When I wrote to you last spring, I was in a terrible state of health. Had given up all hope of ever being better. I spit up my food all the time and it seemed so. 'Vanderwater, how well you are looking. What in the world have you been doing?' I tell them I have been doctoring with Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. 'Why,' they say, 'you haven't been there.' No, I say, but I took his 'Golden Medical Discovery' and his little 'Pellets.' These medicines have wrought the great change in me. From a slow motion of a man that could hardly crawl, tired and sick all the time, and could do no work; to a man who can work, sleep, eat, and feel fine, and that tired feeling is all going away. I am very thankful that I wrote to Dr. Pierce. His 'Golden Medical Discovery' and his little liver 'Pellets' have almost made a new man of me. I feel young as I did at thirty years. No other doctor for me, only Dr. Pierce."

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- Woodmen of the World. La Grande Lodge No. 169, W. Q. W., meets every Friday of each month in the K. of P. hall in Corpe building. A visiting members welcome. N. L. ACKLES, Consul Commander. J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.
A. F. & A. M. La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. L. H. RUSSELL, W. M. C. D. HUFFMAN, Secretary.
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K. of P. Red Cross Lodge No. 27, meets every Monday evening in Castle Hall, Corpe building. A Pythian welcome to all visiting knights. HAROLD HERRON, C. C. R. PATTISON, K. of R. & S.
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L. P. DAY, Proprietor. R. F. D. No. 1, La Grande, Oregon. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior. Land Office at La Grande, Ore., December 28, 1907. Notice is hereby given that Barnard Scholdstrom, of Hilgard, Ore., has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 10099, made March 30, 1901, for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, W 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 29, NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 32, township 3 S., range 37, E. W. M., and that said proof will be made before the register and Receiver of the U. S. land office at La Grande, Oregon, on February 12, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: N. H. Anson, of La Grande, Ore.; Frank Scholdstrom, of Hilgard, Ore.; E. H. DeLong, of La Grande, Ore.; George O. Gekeler, of La Grande, Ore.; E. W. DAVIS, Register.