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TRULY WHAT A MESS.

And the state of Oregon decreed that a book should be printed by the state printer at enormous cost to the taxpayers, with an additional cost of postage, in order that every voter would be provided with a copy containing a brief history of the man who is seeking office. After the decree came the usual satisfaction that publicity would thereby end all jobbery and fraud.

But it was decided, also, that each candidate could have so much to say at nominal cost, and those who opposed any candidate or principle might also have their little say. Herein lies the friction.

Several have filed their objections, among them Willis Duniway, the present state printer, who seeks re-nomination. He alleges that the statements made by some are misleading and therefore he wants a permanent injunction to issue against placing it in the little pet pamphlet. But Duniway is not alone, for there are other candidates who view the matter as he does.

As a result there is a nice mess shook-up, calling for the courts to decide promptly which is which, and who is who, reminding one of a lot of small boys fighting over an apple and calling each other names.

There is this happy satisfaction: Oregon will go through this upheaval, will get her stomach full of this foolishness and will be well and rational again while other states are harboring the disease. This state caught it first, she is going after it with a vengeance and will play every part of the game until Mr. Taxpayer awakens and sees what such twaddle and foolishness is costing him. Then he will back up and say, "let us have plain, common sense and down with the theorists whose only work results in enormous expenditures of state money."

And when that day comes the state of Oregon will advance as she has never advanced before. Capital will seek investment here as never before and things will become normal. The professional reformer who never accomplishes reform, will be only heard of in history.

THE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE.

Acting Governor Bowerman is to be at Union today to attend the Experimental Farm's demonstration and investigation for the state just what kind of work Manager Robert With-

combe is turning out. Incidentally the acting governor will meet as many people as he can, for he is a candidate for governor and has a very good chance to win.

Positively only one objection has ever been recorded against Jay Bowerman—he is an assembly candidate. But what is an assembly candidate? He is a man who has received the endorsement of several hundred republican who journeyer all the way to Portland to make a party platform and form the party organization. No, it is not a nomination, although in this case, it likely will be.

Remember this, before you condemn an assembly nominee. Abraham Lincoln was named by assembly, James A. Garfield was named by an assembly, Major McKinley was named by an assembly, Grover Cleveland was named by an assembly and so on down the line, and even Theodore Roosevelt was an assembly candidate. Then don't throw a fit because some man in Oregon has been recommended to you as a good man for the office of governor. Be fair, and if, after analyzing his career, you think you cannot vote for him, just vote for the other fellow, but don't turn him down because he has been recommended to you.

TWO VALLEYS THAT MUST COME TO IT.

The Willamette and Grande Ronde valleys are similar in some respects. This is said with the full knowledge that the Willamette is secondary in production to the Grande Ronde, but the important feature that makes these valleys similar is the need of irrigation.

Not long ago anyone would have been amused to have heard irrigation talk in the Willamette. The person who indulged in such would have been termed insane, for the heavy rains in that region give an abundance of moisture. It is now conceded, however, that the moisture does not obtain at the proper season of the year, and Willamette valley folk are preparing plans for irrigation.

In the Grande Ronde we have no such rainfall as occurs in the Willamette, and we find there is a decided need for irrigation here. With it we will positively have the grandest valley in the Northwest, and without we still have a good valley, but there will exist the uncertainty of large crops each year, which always keeps down the prices of land.

The people here should never let the slow-going settlers of the Willamette lead them in such an undertaking, and with the strong sentiment favoring the district plan of irrigation we do not believe that another year will go by without steps being taken to conserve the spring waters for use on the Grande Ronde valley lands in the fall.

The other evening the editor of this paper took a long automobile ride with D. H. Steward of La Grande. We entered a region just visited by forest fires and when it came time to light the lamps on the car, Mr. Steward lighted a match, ignited the gas and then extinguished the match, but did not throw it on the ground, until he had held it for some little time. If such caution as this were practiced by everyone in the timber belt, millions of dollars would have been saved this year and many lives would

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not have been lost. All such things as starting fires get back to the individual, and if we would have catastrophes prohibited, such as the one at Wallace, we must as individuals first learn to use care and caution in every act.

It is said that Oswald West is the strong man on the democratic ticket for governor. Isn't that a joke? Mr. West, as railroad commissioner, has reached a point in experience when he is of some value; as a nice young man he is all right, but surely no one can honestly believe that he is the size timber necessary to make governors out of. While there is no possibility of his election, if such a thing could occur, it would really be laughable.

Edna says she has not left Nat Goodwin. But what does that matter since the advertising has been received?

For La Grande People.

We have found that a SINGLE Dose of Adler-I-ka, the simple German appendicitis remedy, relieves wind or gas on the stomach or bowels, sour stomach or constipation almost instantly. A. T. HILL.

SOCIETY

Two of La Grande's popular young people were married this week and have joined the ranks of wedded folks. Mr. Oscar Jackson, son of "Grandma" Jackson, and Miss Ruth Bush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bush were united in marriage at the home of the bride, 2105 Adams, Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Rev. H. E. McLeod, of the M. E. church officiated. The ceremony was unique in its simplicity. Decorations were simple yet tasty—smilax, sweet peas and astors being used with excellent taste. Miss Bush wore a white lingerie gown and carried white bride's roses. The guests were close friends of Mr. Jackson and Miss Bush, members of the La Jaunesse club, and a few intimate friends being the ones honored with invitations. Light refreshments were served during the interim between the marriage and the departure of the excursion train for Seaside where Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are spending a

wedding juncket before returning to be at home at 703 First street. The guests of the wedding were: Mr and Mrs "Grandma" Jackson, Miss Ethel Fuller of Baker City, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, Gertrude Beaver, Helen McHough, Florence McCall, Marjorie McCall, Ethel Gulling, Etta Foley, Mildred Bush; Messrs and Mesdames F. H. Green, J. W. Bush, Lloyd Scriber, J. G. Snodgrass, H. M. Bay, A. W. Nelson; Messrs. Walter Francis, Archie Bacon, Forest Ivanhoe, Roscoe Doane and Clarence Jackson.

The bride has been in La Grande about four years teaching in the city schools during the school period of each year of that time and with her natural winsomeness and special gifts in music, has won prominence socially, as well as a high regard for her efficiency as a teacher. Mr. Jackson is a La Grande boy, born and reared, and "Oscar" is a word synonymous with lasting congeniality, popularity and respect. Mr. and Mrs. Bush will be at home after September 10.

Mrs. Chester P. Newlin entertained the Bridge Club Friday afternoon. Mrs. Jay Van Buren won the high score.

Startling the night air with a "Zip! Boom! Bee!" about nine O. A. C. students and graduates precipitated a genuine surprise on their former school mate, and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCall Thursday evening at a late hour. Breaking into the McCall home pell mell, the young men proceeded to grip history by the nape of the neck and twist it back to the present moment by repeating one of the many pleasant evenings so familiar, yet so dear to every college man or woman, when fellow students break in and spend a pleasant evening with friends, unannounced. Light luncheon was served later in the evening. Those who promulgated the surprise were: "Shrimp", "Chuck" and Johnnie Reynolds, "Skinny" Ivanhoe, "Doc" Doane and "Brother Francis", Frank Conners and Mr. Billings. The guests presented Mr. and Mrs. McCall with a chocolate set.

Mrs. J. C. Snodgrass Friday afternoon entertained at cards in the Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass cozy bungalow completed recently at First and Washington. Cards were played. The event was informal yet one of the prominent parties of the week. The elegant home was attired with an interior dress of astors with pretty effect. Mrs. Snodgrass was assisted by Mrs. Lloyd Scriber, Mrs. Jay Van Buren, Mrs. H. M. Bay and Miss Maude Snodgrass

Political Announcements

This column is open to any candidate regardless of Faction or Party and is paid advertising

S. F. WILSON, Athena, Oregon, candidate for joint senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties subject to decision of republican primaries. "I firmly believe in the direct primary law, economy in the use of public funds, good roads, better schools, strict and prompt enforcement of law, the square deal and eternal progress of man and his institutions."

C. A. BARRETT, Athena, Oregon.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability.

favor the maintenance of the direct primary law and people's choice for senator and believe the people are as competent to nominate as they are to elect their officers. Very respectfully yours, C. A. BARRETT.

DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon.—The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election

DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT, Enterprise, Oregon—I wish to announce my candidacy for joint representative for the 24th representative district subject to the voters of the republican party at the primary nominating election to be held in said representative district, September 24, 1910. CLYDE T. HOCKETT.

Mrs. Gene Moore won first honors, Mrs. W. R. Jones second, Mrs. C. E. Clark third, and Mrs. George Palmer consolation. An extremely delicious luncheon was served, constituted in part of fruit salad, wafers, French nut and punch. The guests were: Mesdames A. V. Andrews, L. F. Dunn, M. K. Hall, C. S. Scriber, C. T. Bacon, E. Pollock, W. J. Lindsey, T. J. Ormond, R. Newlin, Jay Van Buren, C. Newlin, A. B. Cherry, A. Newlin, E. D. Selders, W. H. Bohnenkamp, F. Bock, M. B. Donahue, E. E. Bragg, D. L. Green, R. W. Logan, T. N. Murphy, J. R. Moore, Geo. Palmer, Chas. Nibley, G. E. Byrkit, Wm. Stoddard, H. M. Bay, Wm. French, F. Wilhelm, C. B. Clarke, J. C. Gulling, E. W. Bartlett, H. C. Grady, L. L. Snodgrass, F. H. Kiddle, W. J. Snodgrass, W. R. Jones, F. Lilly, L. Givan, Hugh McCall, C. H. Conkey, Turner Oliver, L. Scriber, C. S. Dunn, R. Pattison, W. S. Allinson, and J. O. Slater; Misses Margaret Newlin, Margaret Anson, Besse Bohnenkamp, Maude Snodgrass.

One of the prominent parties of the week and of the month for that matter, was one tendered to a large number of ladies Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Robert Pattison, Mrs. C. S. Dunn

and Mrs. Lou Given, at the Pattison home. Mrs. C. P. Newlin won first prize, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, second Mrs. Moore, third, and Mrs. Gulling the consolations. The guests were: Mesdames F. M. Jackson, De Lillo Green, H. C. Grady, C. P. Newlin, W. H. Bohnenkamp, R. Newlin, F. J. Holmes, P. N. Murphy, W. R. Jones, F. Bock, Wm. Allinson, F. Lilly, E. E. Bragg, J. E. Reynolds, Gulling, Moore, Selders, Mollitor, Lloyd Scriber, L. Dunn, Ed Wright, A. B. Cherry, Clara Scriber, J. D. Slater, J. Van Buren, W. D. McMullan, E. E. Kiddle, G. Palmer, P. M. Donald, Ormund, Wilhelm, Bacon, Rinehart, Snodgrass, Will Dunn and Miss Bohnenkamp.

Doctor and Mrs. H. E. McLeod were guests of honor last Wednesday evening at the M. E. church when the congregation attended a reception in honor of the departing family, for the doctor goes to Vale next week to be located the coming year. The guests spent an informal and pleasant evening, and expressions of regret were heard on every hand because of the departure of the family. They have become popular in and out of the church during their stay in La Grande.

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