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A GOVERNOR OR A CLERK?

There will be a man named for governor soon. Apparently his name will be Bowerman. It might be West but if such should be the case it would be a surprise to even West's strongest supporters.

His opponent, Mr. West, is a pleasant little man personally and really believes he has absorbed enough of the Chamberlain handshake to go out and win this fight.

West is a clerical man. He makes a good clerk; knows the banking business very well, and all that, but his inability to cope with larger subjects has been demonstrated in the office of railroad commissioner which he now holds through appointment.

Oregon cannot afford to elect anyone for governor who does not stand straight up and be counted. In the next few years this state will receive many new people.

LAST STEP WAS WRONG ONE.

When Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was in Africa hunting big game he

was the most popular man in all the world; when he returned to America he was the people's idol and would have remained so indefinitely had he not let his desire for further political favor take possession of him against his better judgment.

If the people would continue to have prosperity and if they prefer the nation to continue this remarkable advancement they will not follow the lead of Colonel Roosevelt as he now expresses himself in eastern speeches.

The charge that the Pendleton East Oregonian sold its editorial space has been pretty well threshed out and there is nothing to indicate that such is the case. Dr. Wilson must have been badly misinformed to make such a statement, and it is to be regretted that he so far stepped across the line.

That was a hot little boomerang that Oswald West's personal organ, the Portland Journal, sprung regarding fees and mileage and Bowerman. Like all dirty deals it came home to roost and now the federal records show that West exacted fees that were unjust and Uncle Samuel forced him to blow back the money.

No more commendable measure could have been placed on the ballot than the High School Fund measure. It means doubling the high school enrollment in the county in three years, and it means further that every town in the county with a high school is greatly benefitted.

"Football may be fatal," is a familiar headline in all of the newspapers at the present time. Football is fatal in many ways. If the player escapes physical injury he usually gets the football bee buzzing so badly in



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his head that "readin', ritin' and rithmetick" take second place.

Well, La Grande is looking very good and the fall trade is only started. The valley is full of wheat and apples with considerable live stock ready for market.

BALLAST MEANS NEW STEEL

TWENTY-FOUR MILES OF BALLASTING HAS BEEN DONE.

Heavier Steel on East End of Main Line is Now in Sight Evidently.

Preparations for displacing the present 80-pound steel on the main line between La Grande and Huntington with 90-pound steel--such as is used on the Kamela hill, have advanced rapidly during the past few weeks.

Material for this work is now on the grounds at Huntington and in La Grande both. Just when the relaying will commence is not announced but that it will be ere long is indicated by the rush attending the last work on the East end.

COLONEL TROUNCED AGAIN.

Atlantic City, Oct. 21--Colonel Roosevelt came in for an indirect attack by Ormsby McHarg in an address made today before the American Hardware Manufacturers Association.

Dysentery is a dangerous disease but can be cured. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has been successfully used in fine epidemics of dysentery.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Recorder of La Grande, Oregon, for the furnishing and laying of 1500 lineal feet of sewer, in the alley between Washington avenue and Adams avenue, from the east side of Hemlock street to the center of Chestnut street.

Said sewer to be laid according to the plans and specifications now on file in this office and under the supervision of the City Inspector. All bids must be in before 8 o'clock p. m. Wednesday evening October 26th, and must be accompanied by a certified check of five per cent of the amount of the bid.

By order of the Council, October 19th, 1910. D. E. COX, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

Prepare for Aerial Meet.

New York, Oct. 21--Aviators of all nations are tuning up their machines out on Long Island today in preparation for the great International Aviation meet, which begins tomorrow at Belmont Park.

Interest of the aviators appears to be largely centered upon capturing the \$10,000 prize offered by Thomas Fortune Ryan for the fastest flight from Belmont Park to the Statue of Liberty and return.

School for Chefs.

London, Oct. 21--A school to teach boys to become expert chefs was opened in London today as a branch of the Westminster Technical Institute.

Be sure and take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with you when starting on your trip this summer. It cannot be obtained on board the trains or steamers.

For the Ambitious--

A University Education. by mail for those who cannot attend in person. All instruction, including final examinations, is FREE.

HELPING HUMANITY.

Father and Son Viewed Conditions From Opposite Standpoints.

Twenty years ago, says the Chicago Advance, a discouraged young doctor in a large city was visited once by his old father, who came up from a rural district to look after his boy.

"Well, son," he said, "how are you getting along?" "I'm not getting along at all," was the disheartened reply.

The old man's countenance fell, but he spoke of courage and patience and perseverance. Later in the day he went with his son to the free dispensary, where the young doctor had an unsalaried position and where he spent an hour or more every day.

"There isn't any money in it, though," explained the son, somewhat abashed. "Money!" the old man shouted, still scornfully. "Money! What is money in comparison with being of use to your fellow men?"

SHREWD VICTOR HUGO.

Quiet Way in Which He Bullied the Theatrical Managers.

Here are the methods which Dumas the elder and Victor Hugo employed when they had a new play to offer to the theater.

My Dear Friend--I shall bring you on Monday a play in five acts. I shall need Mlle. Georges, Mme. Dorval, Bocage, Lockroy, Provost and five new scenes.

This extravagance would alarm the director, who would put off the production of the play till better days. Then Victor Hugo would appear and shyly draw a manuscript out of his pocket. He would agree to everything.

So the piece would be read, and as the roles were distributed Hugo would say musically, "Dieu, how fine Frederick would be in that part!"

Classified Advertising

FOR SALE--7 room house, modern in every respect, good barn, corner lot 60x120, 1108 Penn Ave. Inquire R. E. Smith at Smith and Green's.

FOR SALE OR TRADE--10 acre apple orchard in Fruitdale, quarter mile from school, trees 12 years old, will trade for city property, easy terms. Inquire of R. E. Smith at Smith & Green's.

FOR SALE--Thirty-three S&W rifle and .38 caliber Colts revolver. Phone Black 272.

WANTED--Position as bookkeeper, can furnish references or will take sets of books. Write to care of Observer office.

Wanted--Responsible party to take the agency of Union and Wallowa counties for the Phelps Carbide Feed Acetylene Generator for individual home lighting.

For further particulars write Oregon Acetylene Lighting Co., Inc. 220 1-2 Yamhill st. Portland, Ore. Oct. 20-21.

FOR SALE--Dining room table and chairs, one kitchen range, one cabinet, one gasoline three burner stove. Cheap if taken at once. Apply over the Ines.

WANTED--Four or five ironers and mangle girls at once. A. B. C. Laundry.

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