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FIELDS' VISIT IS CUT SHORT

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CLERK IN THE CITY

Finds Eastern Oregon Friendly to His Candidacy for Secretary.

Frank S. Fields—the man who revolutionized the affairs in the county clerk's office in Multnomah—was denied the privilege of campaigning Union county for Republican nomination to the office of secretary of state by an unexpected hurry call to return to Portland, after he had spent a few hours in La Grande this morning. Mr. Fields had intended to visit Elgin, Union, and several smaller communities in Union county this afternoon and tomorrow but found on his arrival here from Baker last night an urgent call to return to Portland.

"I find the outlook indeed promising throughout Eastern Oregon after my hurried dash through it," remarked the Multnomah county clerk this morning. "I have no doubt but that I will be nominated to the office April 19. I find nothing but friendly greeting everywhere."

Mr. Fields is considered to be the plausible man for the office, affirming many of his warm friends here and others who have watched the remarkable record of Mr. Fields in Portland—how he took the office when it was topsy-turvy and put it on a paying basis, are in his bandwagon. "I am perhaps optimistic, but I can't see anything else than an overwhelming majority in Eastern Oregon," concluded Mr. Fields as he caught his west-bound train out of town.

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REGISTRATION BOOKS CLOSED

WILL NOT BE OPENED AGAIN UNTIL AFTER PRIMARY.

Total Registrations Up-to-Date Far Below Full Voting Strength.

Tonight at 5 o'clock registration books throughout the state will be closed until after the primary election at which time they will again be opened for the general election in November.

The registrations thus far indicate the total voting strength of the county is nowhere reached and if the full vote of the county is registered at the polls it will have to be through the swearing in method, cumbersome, a nuisance and one of the big drawbacks to the present voting system. Through out the city and county there are scores and hundreds of men who have neglected to register and when primary day comes will want to know why they must go through tedious red tape to obtain a ballot.

TENNIS FANS TO MEET.

Meeting Tonight at R. J. Greene's Office to Plan Season.

All ladies and gentlemen interested in tennis for the season are called to meet this evening in the office of Attorney R. J. Green at which time the proposition of using the courts on the hill will be taken up. This is an adjunct to the B. M. A. and not a part of it, and the plan is for a group of fans to use one of the courts formerly maintained by the B. M. A., but now separate from that club. The meeting is called for 7:30 o'clock.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there are now funds in the treasury to pay all warrants issued again water fund of La Grande city up to and including No. 10613 endorsed June 7, 1911. Interest on all warrants on water fund from No. 10427 to No. 10613 inclusive ceases from date of this call.

La Grande, Oregon, April 9, 1912.
RAY W. LOGAN, City Treasurer.

PLACE CEMENT SOON.

Corner Stone of New Foley Building to Be Laid This Week.

During the present week, within two days in fact, the corner stone of the new Foley, five story skyscraper will have been laid. Excavation has reached a point where "Happy" Day is ready to send his cement and concrete into the basement. He expects now to have that work under full blast before the end of the week.

WILL PLANT ORCHARD.

F. R. Bridges Will Set 80 Acres to Orchard This Spring.

Eighty acres of land purchased recently from E. L. Oliver by F. R. Bridges, will be planted to orchard at once.

This tract lies about a mile from Alceel and Mr. Bridges anticipates to have the slightly tract planted to apples within a short time, and the added acreage of fruitland is pleasing the Alceel people.

EASTERN OREGON CONGRESSMAN

ner for the faithful performance of his duty and with a record clean and unsullied. Here is a chance to show the nation that we can atone for the disgrace and shame of Lafferty. Here is a chance to put the right man in the right place. We believe the voters will seize the opportunity. (Pd ad.)

Sam Langford Whips McVey.

Sydney, N. S. W., April 8. — Sam Langford and McVey fought in the day defeated Sam McVey of California in a 20-round fight on points.

Langford and McVey fought in the stadium before 15,000 spectators and after the hard contest, in which honors were fairly even until the last few rounds, Langford succeeded in reversing his defeat at McVey's hands on Dec. 26 last.

The betting was 10 to 9 on McVey. The decision of the referee was popular.

ART OF POISONING

Toxicology Made a Record in the Seventeenth Century.

SECRETS NOW HAPPILY LOST

It Was in Trying to Rediscover Them That Sainte-Croix, the Accomplice of the Notorious Mme. de Brinvilliers Met His Tragic Fate.

The basis of most poisons in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was arsenic. It was extremely easy to procure, the taste was easy to hide, and until Marsh's test was discovered about a hundred years ago its traces were difficult to discover. In the seventeenth century toxicology reached heights that it has never since attained. The laboratories of the poisoners in France and Italy contained secrets happily lost today.

The preparation of the poisons used during the reigns of Louis XIII. and XIV. may be briefly described. An animal was doctored with a dose of arsenic. After death the liquids of the body were carefully distilled, and the resultant was of extreme virulence, being composed of the virus of arsenic and the alkaloids of decomposition. When the animal thus killed was credited with a bodily venom the distilled liquid was a concentration of three poisons instead of two. For this reason the toad was the favorite subject of experiment. This was the poison used by Mme. de Brinvilliers. Against it medical skill was almost helpless.

The list of monarchs whose deaths were attributed by popular gossip to the effect of poison is a long one. Catherine de' Medici was a known poisoner, surrounded by poisoners, and her two sons, Francis II. and Charles IX., were probably hurried to their end by the administration of drugs as well as by their feeble state of health.

There are some grounds for the assertion that Louis XIII. died of poison. His mother, Marie de' Medici, was said to be the greatest poisoner of her age. The comment in Paris was that the king was well or ill as he agreed or quarreled with the queen mother. The state ministers ran desperate risks. Richelieu suffered from many curious illnesses. He knew his danger and took every precaution. Mazarin's death cannot wholly be explained by natural causes. The death of the sister of Charles II. of England is also a matter of mystery.

The chief accomplice of Mme. de Brinvilliers and perhaps actually the instigator of many of her crimes was Gaudin de Sainte-Croix, than whom a more sinister scoundrel does not cross the pages of the century.

He was sent to the Bastille, liberated and met his death before Mme. de Brinvilliers herself was brought to trial. The accounts of his end are conflicting and illuminating. According to one of them, Sainte-Croix was endeavoring to discover a poison the emanations alone of which would be able to kill. He had heard of the poisoned napkin with which the young Dauphin, elder brother of Charles VII., had wiped his face while playing at tennis and the contact of which alone was sufficient to kill. Then there was the gossip about the gloves belonging to Jeanne d'Albret, which had been prepared by one of the Italian poisoners in the reign of Catherine de' Medici, a crime which was never brought home to its instigators. The names of these poisons had been lost and Sainte-Croix wished to find them.

There came to pass one of those strange events which seem to be a punishment from heaven for a crime. At the moment when Sainte-Croix, leaning over his work, watched his fatal mixture reach its highest state of intensity, the glass mask which covered his face and preserved him from the moral exhaustion which escaped from the vapor became unfastened and dropped off.

Sainte-Croix fell to the ground as if struck by a thunderbolt.

After the death of Sainte-Croix Mme. de Brinvilliers took flight and found a refuge in London and afterward in the Netherlands. Her arrest was effected by stratagem, and she was brought back to Paris to stand trial. The most damaging testimony against her was that of the tutor, Braineourt, who had been in a measure her unwilling accomplice. In one part of his evidence the episode must have suggested to Dumas one scene between D'Artagnan and Lady de Winter described in "The Three Musketeers." Mme. de Brinvilliers was condemned and a full confession of her crimes was wrung from her by the application of the torture of the water. She remained several hours in the torture chamber and she avowed all her crimes, but denied that she had any accomplices.

The trial, torture and execution of Mme. de Brinvilliers served as a useful lesson. Poison did not disappear, but its practitioners were taught to curb their malevolent enthusiasms. The pursuits of astrology and alchemy waned for a time to reappear in the next century in the richest fruition in the person of that astonishing arch impostor, Cagliostro.—Bookman Review of "Mme. Brinvilliers and Her Times."

TRIBUTE TO SELLING PAID BY JOURNAL

Portland Newspaper Says He is a Friend of the People.

Stood for Statement No. One When Many Republicans Refused to do so.

Proving that a long career of consistent fighting for measures that bring the state government closer to the people, and also sends the name of Oregon to the top of the column in advanced legislation, the following extract from the Portland Daily Journal of Friday, February 22, 1912, not only endorses the progressive policies of Ben Selling which are now laws on the statute books of Oregon, but it also shows beyond question the standing of this man among the people and press of the state:

MR. SELLING

Senator Ben Selling has announced his intention to contest for the Republican nomination for United States senator. For a number of years the political course of Mr. Selling and The Journal have run along much the same lines. Support of progressive methods of government in Oregon when they were badly in need of support, brought Mr. Selling and The Journal on common ground.

When there was need of Statement One candidates for the legislature, they were not always easy to find. There was a time when most of the higher-ups of the Republican party in Oregon were, and some of them still are, against Statement One. It was in such a time that Mr. Selling was a welcome addition to the forces that were striving for direct election of senator, and for elimination of disgraceful deadlocks at Salem.

Without at all entering into the support of Mr. Selling's present candidacy, it is as little as The Journal can do to thus acknowledge the aid Mr. Selling has been to the cause of popular government in Oregon, an acknowledgment that in fairness, is also due to Senator Bourne.

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