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ARTHUR SPENCER FOR DELEGATE.

The most important development of yesterday in Oregon politics was the announcement of Arthur Spencer, general attorney for the O-W. R. & N. Co., as a candidate for delegate at large to the Republican national convention.

His platform, or statement, is



You pay for the air-tight tin in which Schilling's Best is packed. But for every cent you pay you get three cents worth of added flavor and economy.

Coffee flavor must be sealed in against escape and intrusion, if it is to reach you in prime condition.

Schilling's Best is not cheap, but it is economical. A pound makes more cups of good coffee.

Schilling's Best

lengthy and he contends that neither a Progressive, a Standpatter nor a Reactionary should be nominated for the Presidency. But he assures the Republicans that he will support without sidestepping the candidate receiving the plurality vote of Oregon Republicans. Knowing Mr. Spencer's ideas of right and wrong and decency, we take it that this does not mean he will go to the convention, if elected, and work to defeat the man of the Oregon people's choice in the preliminary organization of the convention, as was once done by some delegates from this state.

A very important feature of Arthur Spencer's candidacy is the probability of bridging the chasm that unrighteously has existed between men who work for corporations and the general public. A small number of conscienceless corporation men in politics a few years ago poisoned the well, as it were, and caused a feeling to exist in the public mind that any man who worked in any capacity for a railroad or other corporation, was unfit to exercise the rights and privileges of his citizenship. Those few men committed offenses of such magnitude that the public can not be blamed for the general taboo placed upon corporation people. Now, however, the time has come for us all to reconsider things and in that moment of reflecting, dwell upon the one word "fairness." It is admitted that some of the best minds we have are employed by corporations and it must be admitted that all corporation men are not bad; that most of them in fact have souls; that conscience is not a thing of the past with many of them; they have families and shrink from leaving a blackened name to their babies; in fact, the time has come when we all must recognize men as men and not let the corporation odium attach to those who are not guilty.

Arthur Spencer's candidacy may be taken as a test of whether the people are willing to recognize ability and squareness although a man earns his beefsteak by working for combined capital.

The vigilance should be kept up, however, for the untrue man—he be corporation man or not—who sticks up his head, and as soon as that head shows above the surface it should be swatted with a terrific swat. We mention this for the reason that Oregon has had some bitter experience in recent years with delegates who failed to remember their obligation to the voters.

FOUR SCORE AND ONE.

Eighty-one years is a ripe old age especially when that period of time has extended over a country from Tennessee to Oregon and a greater part of it was given to pioneering; to assisting in making a new country; developing society and civilization, and increasing the pleasures for the generations to follow.

This was the life of Mrs. E. E.

Slater, who on Tuesday was called to her long home. She was the wife of James H. Slater, who died about 20 years ago, but who during his lifetime was a man among men, a pillar in the state's affairs to the extent of representing this commonwealth in the United States senate. Through all his efforts in public life, in his sacrifices of personal pleasures, to assist the people as a whole his good wife shared her part.

The family of children left by these pioneer settlers reflects great credit on them. The sons are all following professions and are among the foremost citizens of their respective communities while the daughters are wives of good men, making good American homes.

Surely, no person could lay down from tired life and sink into that peaceful sleep with greater satisfaction than the one just departed, for her work was well done; her posterity has proven worthy and the sweetness of this satisfaction makes every parent feel that life has been worth the living.

One Portland bank started the erection of a palace recently. Now another Portland bank announces it will do likewise, and in the same issue of the paper containing the news there is told of a prevailing sentiment in Portland to reduce interest rates on time deposits from 4 to 3 per cent.

Eight per cent interest is about the finest old chap in a business way that there is. If you don't believe it look at the new marble palaces being erected for homes of the Portland banks.

Judge Galloway of Marion county insists that "a criminal loses his right to private interview." But, Judge, this means after he is indicted, arrested, convicted and sentenced, and not otherwise, does it not?

The Portland Journal is supporting Theodore Wilcox as the man to lead "Portland's Onward Movement." Not a bad selection, in fact, a very good one, and if the Journal does not object we move to amend the title of the movement to "Oregon's Onward Movement" with Theodore Wilcox at the head.

Takes Care of 16 Children

Lorain, O. March 2.—"Children are trouble sometimes, but they are the sort of trouble I welcome," today said Mrs. Mary Prunchnicki, mother of sixteen boys and girls. The eldest child is 22, and the youngest, two are twins, five months old. Besides caring for the children and doing all her own housework, Mrs. Prunchnicki acts as a police court interpreter whenever the call comes, which is often.

Douglas Fir in Washington

The state of Washington produced in 1914 over three billion feet of Douglas fir, or approximately sixty-five per cent of the Douglas fir produced by the five Northwest and Coast States.

Water Right Revoked

The District Forester at Portland, Oregon, has just received a copy of the decision by the Secretary of Agriculture, David F. Houston, in the Washington Railroad Electric Company case, citing the circumstances which caused the revocation of the permit held by that Company on the Sultan River water power projects in the Snoqualmie National Forest, Washington.

The company has held priorities on these power sites for more than nine years, during which time no construction has been attempted, and the only expenditures have been those for examinations and surveys and outlays incidental thereto. The Company has had an opportunity to present the matter verbally to the Secretary, but as they have failed continually to comply with the terms of their permit, and could not give any assurance that if their application for an extension was granted they could begin development, the Secretary has decided that the extension should be denied.

The Secretary states that the Department is desirous of having the power sites under its jurisdiction developed and used. For this reason it grants permits to applicants under which full opportunity is given for determining whether or not a project is feasible, and whether it can be developed in a reasonable time, but it cannot allow sites to be held indefinitely without use.

Oh Where Are Their Wandering Boys

Washington, March 2.—Washington is wondering what has become of her wandering boys. "The boys" usually show up in January preceding a Presidential election, loaded with campaign buttons. Speeches and imperishable literature favoring some candidate who is not only willing but anxious to save his country from the wolves of the opposition.

Four years ago there was a notable reunion of the "boys." Taft and Roosevelt overshadowed most other candidates on the Republican side, but in the Democratic field the race was open to new entries right up to convention time, and the entries came thick and fast to the last minute.



Visit our Exclusive Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Dep't. and see the Large Showing of

SPRINGSUITS, COATS, DRESSES AND SKIRTS

They are right in their glory when it comes to styles that are in vogue fabrics that are serviceable tailoring that is the best values that are irresistible.

They have been proclaimed by all who see them as the prettiest, most distinctive, best showing in town.

NEW SPRING SUITS \$15.00 Up
NEW SPRING COATS \$10.00 Up
NEW SPRING DRESSES \$10.00 Up
NEW SPRING SKIRTS \$ 4.00 Up

La France Pure Thread Silk Stockings for Women

95 Per cent pure thread silk, 5 per cent pure dye. Nothing is used in the finishing process to make La France silk hose appear heavy weight—No tin nor weighing at all; nothing to injure their service to you. Extra reinforced heel, toe and foot; 3 thread knee; strong garter top; only pure Japanese silk used. That's why we believe "La France" to be the best value yet produced in Silk Hose—we want you to try a pair of them the best silk stocking for \$1.00 in America—black, white, and every new shade. Every size at pair \$1.00

In extra wide top (out size) pure silk in black or white, pair \$1.25
A big assortment of fancy pure silk hose just received in plaids, stripes, etc.—new black and white effects and other new color combinations priced pair \$1.25 and \$1.50

NEW NECKWEAR } 25c---50c Dozens of Different Styles }

Now on display at our neckwear counter an array of the Newest Spring Styles for Women and Misses. There are new Cape, Spanish, Puritan and Roll effects in large or small collars; embroidery trimmed or lace trimmed; Vestees, Separate Collars, Collar and Cuff Sets, and in fact every new style that will be worn this Spring. All priced 25c and 50c—the kind of neckwear most stores sell for 65c and 75c. See them today they are selling fast.

We Announce A Showing of Spring Millinery in the Balcony

A display that is particularly fitting the Millinery Department's reputation for novelty, originality, elegance and variety at moderate prices. We invite your inspection.

N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Every night or so some new candidate took a flying dive into the heap of self-sacrificing heroes willing to give up their important private affairs to serve the public.

Wilson, Clark, Harmon, Underwood, Gaynor—a host in fact, had friends. Few were the hotels that could not boast, or could but admit, they were headquarters for some one for eighteen of the candidates.

Washington was headquarters for publicity men and press agents. At any time after 2 o'clock in the afternoon an outsider who braved the storm of argument that enveloped the White House turned into an apartment toric bar where solons and others building to accommodate the "can't gather could persuade himself that losers" who were going to be elected.

Keeps Your Stove Shining Bright

Gives a brilliant glossy shine that does not rub off or dust off—that lasts as long as any other.

Black Silk Stove Polish

Is in a class by itself. It's more carefully made and made from better materials.

Try it on your parlor stove, your cook stove or your gas range. If you don't find it the best polish you ever used, your hardware or grocery dealer is authorized to refund your money.

There's "A Shine in Every Drop"

Get a Can TODAY

ELKS ATTENTION

The annual election of Officers for the ensuing year, will be held at the regular meeting of the Lodge on Thursday, March 2, 1916, at eight o'clock P. M. All members are requested to be present.

M. B. DONOHUE,
Exalted Ruler.



HOW ARE YOU FIXED?

MONEY IN THE BANK

The Careful Man builds and supports his home with a Bank account. Who is getting the money you earn?

IF YOU WANT TO BUY A HOME IT IS BEST TO FIRST HAVE ENOUGH MONEY PAID UP IN THE BANK TO BUY IT. THEN YOU CAN BUY IT, AND IT WILL REALLY BELONG TO YOU.

YOU MUST HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK TO SUPPORT ANY ENTERPRISE YOU MAY UNDERTAKE.

WE WILL KEEP YOUR MONEY SAFE FOR YOU.

BANK WITH US.

WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS

La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON

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