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P. H. DAILY is making a square, honorable fight for superintendent of schools—and he ought to win. He is a worthy young man, an able educator—and a Republican.

JUDGE CROWELL announced in the last issue of the Valley Record that he would support Chas. Prim for county judge and gave as one of his reasons that "he (Prim) was a worthy heir of his father." If this be good politics all us men folks ought to be the woman suffragists, because we are the sons of our mothers.

THE ministers of Ashland emphatically deny that they are supporting Chas. Prim for county judge; that it is absolutely false that they are supporting or working or throwing their influence for any candidate for that office; that they do not propose to disgrace their sacred calling by dictating in politics. They are going to stand for men, without regard to party, who represent and practice in daily life morality, temperance, virtue, and that will work for the promotion of domestic and civic virtues.

NEVER has there been a man in the sheriff's office in Jackson County who has given the satisfaction to all parties that the present incumbent, Mr. Alex. Orme, has. He has known no faction, no party, no creed—he has been a servant of the people—the whole people. No person has had a string on him or his office. Mr. Orme is rightly entitled to a re-election—and if THE MAIL is not greatly mistaken the voters of the county will extend to him his just and honestly deserved dues.

THOSE who want a clean, careful, conscientious, economical and able administration of county affairs should vote for Prof. N. L. Narregan for county judge. He will have no favorites, no court house crum pickers, no petted leeches and no enemies to punish. He will always be found promptly at his office during office hours and will carry into his official life and conduct the same scrupulous honor and integrity, the same courteous and candid independence that have uniformly characterized his private life. No Republican can afford to vote for other than Prof. Narregan for this important office.

THE official ballot carries the following designation for the office of district attorney: "A. E. Reames, of Jackson County, Democratic Peoples Silver Republican." It may be a question in the minds of some people as to what position Mr. Reames occupies in this campaign. Is he a Democrat? Is he a Populist? Is he a Silver Republican? Is this straight democracy or is it fusion? Does he honestly expect by such a designation to catch Democrats who are not free silver men, to catch Populists who are not gold standard men? Republicans cannot support him, Democrats cannot support him, Populists will not support him, because he attempts to stand on too many platforms at once.

IT HAS come to be an unwritten law, generally recognized throughout the state, but particularly in Jackson County, that where a county official has shown himself to be competent and faithful, and has been prompt, courteous and obliging in the discharge of his duties, he is entitled to a second term without a question. Under every consideration of this rule, though applied in its strictest sense, Gus Newbury, Alex. Orme, Peter Applegate and J. C. Pendleton have well and fully earned a second tenure of their positions. No more capable, prompt and obliging officials ever held office in the county. Every citizen, therefore, who is interested in the safe conduct of county affairs, should unhesitatingly cast his vote on the 4th of June for these true and tried officers.

VOTERS, don't forget to cast your vote for a man for county clerk who has been tried in the office and who "has not been found wanting." You can't afford to risk in the important office of county clerk a novice—a man who knows absolutely nothing about the affairs of the office when you can secure one who is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the office in all its details. You have not heard a breath of complaint against the present incumbent in that office and his management of the office. Even his enemies concede his fitness for the place and acknowledge perfect satisfaction with his conduct in the office. A vote for Gus Newbury is a vote cast to retain a man in the

clerk's office who has proved his ability to satisfactorily handle the office. He has proved his efficiency in the office and it is the opinion of THE MAIL that there is no economy in too frequent changes in public office where men have proved themselves to be worthy, capable officials. Vote to retain Gus Newbury in the clerk's office. He has served the people of Jackson County one term in the clerk's office and has served acceptably. Re-elect him.

A. E. REAMES, the Fusion nominee for district attorney, is a member of the firm of Colvig & Reames, of Jacksonville, who, by the way, are local attorneys for the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., and it is understood that the district attorney's office is to become an adjunct of the firm, should Reames be elected. It will be seen, therefore, that the interests of the county and of the S. P. R. Co. will be in the hands of the same law firm. Perhaps at no time in the history of the first judicial district has there been such a reckless, mud-slinging campaign as that made by Mr. Reames and his partner, Wm. M. Colvig, against Mr. Watson, whose campaign has been quiet, dignified and unaggressive, and we predict that the people will resent the imputation against their intelligence which is offered by the character of campaign made against him.

IN VIEW of the possible consequences of a maladministration of the office of district attorney, there is perhaps no other office of a local character of more importance to taxpayers than this. The most careful and discriminating judgment must often be exercised by this officer to the end that violators of law may be suitably punished, the laws enforced, and yet due consideration given to those who foot the bills. It is not meant by this that the district attorney should be so solicitous of the welfare of taxpayers as to neglect the rigorous enforcement of law, but that he should not recklessly and without due consideration pile up bills of expense for which there is no real justification. Mr. Watson, the Republican nominee of this district, has shown himself to be just such a man as THE MAIL has indicated should fill this office. Every Republican in the district should vote for him without a question.

IT is a fact which is becoming more apparent every day that thinking Democrats and Populists, who have permanent interests to be affected by public policy are steadily losing interest in Bryan and Bryanism. They fear the vagaries and menaces of the Chicago platform, and shrink from possible consequences they are unable to fathom. The fact cannot be denied, even by the most ultra and unreasonable, that times are good, money easy, work abundant, and all the arteries and avenues of trade and commerce bustling with business, energy and enterprise; and this, under Republican rule, in striking contrast to the universal stagnation in business which prevailed under less menacing conditions than appear in the Chicago platform. Thinking Populists of means and business are hesitating before committing their interests to the hazard of a paternal socialism with its logical result of anarchy, and blotting out of individual endeavor and individual responsibility.

BEFORE another issue of THE MAIL, the state election of 1900 will have passed into history. If the result shall be in favor of a stable financial system, an extension of the power and influence of the United States, a modified tariff along the lines of the Dingley bill, the speedy construction of the Nicaragua canal, justice, liberality and fair dealing with the new dependencies, support of the government in its efforts to suppress insurrection and establish peace over its territory, the East will take up the encouraging news, and its ever extending, ever widening influence will largely decide the national contest in November. Victory in November will be an assured continuance of Republican policy and Republican prosperity, and the result will be the support of the government in a sphere of influence which, in due time, will force acknowledgment of its precedence among the nations of the earth. Do not fail to vote the Republican ticket. Any other course will be suicidal to the best interests of the country.

SENATOR CLARK, of Montana—that is, ex-Senator Clark—that is, gubernatorial Senator Clark—by his clever coup d'état in resigning and calling to his aid a lieutenant governor in the absence of the governor, and securing his immediate re-appointment, has thus, by a happy maneuver, converted a very corrupt politician into a fully purged and honest United States senator—that is, in expectancy. Whether

the doughty senators will discover any difference in the odor of Mr. Clark's senatorial toga since the cleansing and refuse to seat him when the time comes to vote upon his admission, remains to be seen. No doubt the point will be raised that a fraudulent election, or an election procured through fraudulent means, or in violation of law, is void and no election at all, and that the legislature having an opportunity failed to elect. This would place the matter in the position of the Corbett and Quay cases, and Mr. Clark would be out of it on fully established precedent. In any event, Mr. Clark will have a rocky road to travel before he takes a seat in the United States senate.

MR. N. L. NARREGAN, the Republican nominee for county judge, has a card elsewhere in this issue of THE MAIL in which he denies the Medford steel bridge rumor, also the upper Rogue river toll bridge rumor. It is told of Mr. Narregan that because he is a resident of Medford that he would favor these propositions. THE MAIL wants to tell you voters of the county that Medford does not want, nor does the town expect, either of these. The Bear creek bridge at Medford is good enough for a number of years yet. A steel bridge is by far too expensive and is wholly unnecessary for this place. You taxpayers of the county must remember that Medford citizens pay a good part of the taxes of the county and they would not for a moment sanction the expenditure of any amount of county money on a steel bridge across Bear creek either at Medford or at any other point. THE MAIL would oppose a proposition of this kind—it would be a needless expenditure. As regards the toll bridge. That is a proposition Medford merchants and citizens would never sanction. We want all the trade we can get and we don't want our east of the mountains, Prospect and Trail patrons to have to pay to get to our town.

THE office of assessor is second in importance to no other in the county. Upon the judgment and business qualifications of the assessor, depends largely an equitable adjustment of the burdens of the county. He should be a man of opinions, and fearless to express and act upon them. It is necessary to an intelligent discharge of his duties that he should have a thorough and practical knowledge of general business interests of the county, and of the value of property in the various localities affected by location, natural advantages or otherwise. Mr. Pendleton, the Republican candidate for this office, fills, in an eminent degree, all these necessary requirements, and has besides the advantages of experience. It is not the man who piles up a great assessment upon which to pay an undue proportion of the state taxes, that is the best assessor, but the careful and discriminating officer who assesses property at its true value, and distributes the burden of taxation equally. THE MAIL believes it can be truthfully said, without discrediting or disparagement of any former official, that Mr. Pendleton has made the most equitable and business-like assessment ever made in the county. The subject of taxation is always a delicate and extremely sensitive one, and no person should be chosen to fill the position of assessor who is not peculiarly fitted for the work. Those who are interested in a reasonable, just and business-like assessment of the county, will vote for J. C. Pendleton who has shown himself to be thoroughly capable and a man possessing the courage of his convictions.

WHAT is the use of a congressman? Manifestly to represent the business, financial, commercial and political interests of the state or district from which he is chosen. He embodies and represents the sentiments and wishes of the aggregate opinion which selected him. He is the confidential agent and authorized attorney at bar to do the will, perform the duties and further the principles and policies advocated and held to be essential to good government by the people whom he represents. In the case of Hon. Thos. H. Tongue, Republican nominee for congress, in pursuance of the political and financial sentiments of the party which nominated him, he stands for honest money, the extension of the power and influence of the United States, enlargement of the commerce of the Pacific coast, justice and fair dealing toward the new dependencies, such an army and navy as will be a protection at home and command respect abroad; in a word, he stands for a continuance of the policies and principles which brought order out of chaos, prosperity out of bankruptcy, started anew the wheels of manufacture, and set in motion all the industrial elements and agencies which go to make up the present unparalleled prosperity of the coun-

try. Those who wish a continuance of the prosperity made possible through the fostering influence of Republican policy, will vote for Thos. H. Tongue. Those who would prefer to take the hazard of another period of want, distress and poverty, will vote to place in power the party whose management and want of policy brought these wretched conditions about. The choice is before the voter. Upon his wisdom and judgment will depend the issue. Much is at stake, and voters should choose wisely and well in their own interests.

E. D. BRIGGS is the Republican nominee for joint representative. He is a gentleman well qualified for the position, an able speaker and a zealous worker upon Republican lines—prosperity and plenty—expansion and the gold standard. His place of residence is Ashland. His opponent, Mr. Abraham, is a son of Sol Abraham, a former Jewish merchant of Roseburg. He is a young man of but little experience in legislative matters.

THE Republican nominee for representative, W. A. Carter, is a man who should and doubtless will receive a strong vote in Monday's election. He is a promising type of the self-made man, and gained his legal knowledge with the honest earnings of daily toil. Though young, he has an established and enviable reputation for honesty, integrity and moral character, and being thoroughly posted and of broad views, will serve the county well in the capacity of legislator. In his own home, Gold Hill, Mr. Carter stands well; he has served four terms as town recorder, and is now chairman of the board of school directors for Gold Hill district. A vote cast for Mr. Carter will never be regretted.

AS was to be expected, the spasmodic cry of outrage that went up after the passage of the Porto Rican tariff law, has entirely subsided. The fact is not a cent is collected from Porto Rico that is not returned for the establishment of schools, lighthouses, highways and general improvements on the island. The people of Porto Rico, in addition to the fostering care of the United States, will be accorded the largest liberty consistent with their intelligence; and when they are so far educated in the principles of self government as to warrant it, they will be granted the same rights and privileges, commercial and otherwise, that are enjoyed by people of other territories belonging to the United States.

SOME weeks since in a newspaper interview Hon. W. M. Colvig said, in his opinion, the policy of the Democratic party in the State of Oregon would be to let the election "go by default." The following is his statement: "What is the political outlook so far as the Democratic party is concerned? "Well, candidly, it is gloomy. The mass of the Democratic party are in favor of fighting the Philippines war to a finish. The American people are in no mood to listen to any proposition involving the lowering of the Stars and Stripes in the Philippines. * * * I look upon these wars as simply incidents in the line of destiny. The intellectual power of the world is going to govern the world, and the inferior races must succumb or suffer extermination. * * * I FOR ONE, AM IN FAVOR OF LETTING THE ELECTION GO BY DEFAULT. WE HAVE NOTHING IN PARTICULAR TO COMPLAIN ABOUT IN REGARD TO THE PRESENT STATE ADMINISTRATION AND THERE IS NO DENYING THE FACT THAT OUR FORCES ARE PRETTY BADLY DEMORALIZED IN OREGON. * * * THE WAR QUESTION ECLIPSES EVERYTHING, AND THE PEOPLE ARE BOUND TO SUSTAIN THOSE WHO ARE FIGHTING THE BATTLES."

This is the language of Mr. Colvig, who is conceded to be the Democratic leader in Jackson County. The war in the Philippines is still going on and the Republican party is "fighting the battles." The Democratic party, as a party, stands for everything that is opposed to a continuation of the war and is against sustaining "those who are fighting the battles." It is against expansion—against expanding our commercial relations in the Philippines, is in favor of hauling down the American Flag in our dependencies and retiring from the islands in disgrace and like a pusillanimous nation. The Republican party stands for an extension of the sway of the American Flag, stands for a continuation of the war in the Philippines until the rebellion is subdued, stands for an enlarged commercial relation, stands for a larger market for the products of the Oregon farmer—stands for everything that carries progression with it. THE MAIL believes that the people of Jackson County are in favor of keeping the American Flag floating from every staff from which it floats today, whether in the Philippines, Hawaii or Porto Rico; that they are in favor of sustaining "those who are fighting the battles." A Democratic majority in Jackson

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County means a sentiment in Jackson County in favor of retiring from the field and hauling down the American Flag where it today floats; every vote cast for the Democratic ticket in Jackson County is a vote cast to retire from the field wherein "the line of destiny" has placed America with her progression, her enterprise, her Republican form of government. Are you going to vote to haul down the American Flag? Every candidate on the Democratic ticket in Jackson County and the State of Oregon is an advocate of the platform on which he stands and a vote for that ticket is a vote to haul down the American Flag. Are you going to vote for that party or are you going to vote the Republican ticket and thus vote to "sustain those who are fighting the battles?"

It is reported that Mr. Colvig refused to take the stump in Jackson County because he is not in harmony with the Democratic party on the expansion and war question, and Mr. Colvig believes it advisable to let "the election go by default" rather than lift his voice and cast his vote against "those who are fighting the battles." Vote the Republican ticket and be sure of voting to sustain "those who are fighting the battles."

THERE has been some wrong information maliciously scattered abroad by certain industrious people with the object of injuring Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Newbury who are members of the County Board of Equalization, and THE MAIL has taken the pains to inquire into the correctness of the "information" thus sown abroad and finds the following as shown by the records at Jacksonville. The matter relates to the taxes paid by the S. P. R. Co. The agitator sought to show that under the administration of Mr. Pendleton as assessor and Mr. Newbury as clerk, the S. P. Co. were getting off easier from a tax point of view than they were before the advent of the above named gentlemen into the offices which they now fill. Look at the figure:

Taxes paid by S. P. Co. in 1895, \$14,808.24.
Taxes paid by S. P. Co. in 1896, \$13,879.00.
Taxes paid by S. P. Co. in 1897, \$13,287.33.
Taxes paid by S. P. Co. in 1898, \$14,864.38.
Taxes paid by S. P. Co. in 1899, assessment made by Mr. Pendleton, \$19,828.51.

This shows that the assessment as made by Mr. Pendleton and as acted upon by Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Newbury as members of the Board of Equalization, has secured for the people of Jackson County \$5000 more of taxes than was secured under the administrations of their immediate predecessors and speaks volumes for the management by these two officers. At the same time the whole people of Jackson County paid less taxes by \$8000 in 1899 than in 1898, \$2000 less than in 1897 and \$17,000 less than in 1896. In short, that the taxes paid into the county treasury by the R. R. Co., under the man-

agement of Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Newbury, is proportionally much greater than those the people have paid at other times, and are \$5000 greater than the greatest amount ever paid into the county treasury of Jackson County by the R. R. Co. when the assessor's and clerk's offices were handled by others. Results speak more accurately and effectively than the vapors of the uninformed, and the results attained as above indicated are more satisfactory to the people of Jackson County by \$5000 than the results reached by other officers. Vote for Pendleton and Newbury.

Mr. Narregan Denies the Steel Bridge Rumor.

TO THE VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS OF JACKSON COUNTY:— I would be glad to meet every citizen of the county if time and opportunity were given me, but this is impossible inasmuch as my time is fully occupied in attending to my work as principal of the Medford schools, which will not close until June 8th, and with a graduating class this is a work I cannot delegate to another. As it is impossible for me to do so personally I take this means to refute the campaign lies that have been brought to my notice.

It is reported that I am surrounded by a disgraceful political ring. I most emphatically deny that I am surrounded by any disgraceful or corrupt political ring; that any ring is pledged to my support or that I am under any obligation to any ring, man or men other than the Republican party and its principles. It is also reported that if elected I will build a steel bridge across Bear creek at Medford; make a toll bridge of the upper Rogue river bridge, and that I have entered into various combinations with different men. All these reports are pure and unmitigated lies, and the parties starting them lied maliciously and intentionally.

If, by your suffrage, I am elected county judge, my business will be your business, and I will work as hard for you as I have for the Medford schools and myself. I am not nor will I be influenced or controlled by any man, man or combination of men, and I have made but one promise, and that is to do and work for the highest and best interest of every part of the county without favor and to use every honest endeavor to lower the county debt and to reduce the rate of taxation.

I will give assurance to the people of the county that, if elected, I will be at the county judge's office at the court house every week day of the year when I am not traveling over the county looking after the roads and bridges.

Respectfully yours,
N. L. NARREGAN.

A Denial.

It is currently reported that I and my church members are supporting Mr. Prim for county judge. So far as I am concerned—and for my own church—I can say there is not a word of truth in it. No conference of any kind has been held—each member will vote as he sees fit, and I shall do the same. I am not now and never have supported Mr. Prim for county judge. I shall vote for the best and cleanest man according to my judgment, and am working neither for nor against any candidate.

ADOLPH HABERLY,
Pastor Presbyterian Church, Medford.

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