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GOVERNOR GEER is a candidate for the nomination to succeed himself and will likely be victorious in the convention, although there are a number of prominent Republicans who are aspiring for the same honor. Mr. Geer's principal strength lies in his record in the gubernatorial chair for the past four years. His administration has been clean and honest. There has been no scandals in any of the public institutions, and no shadow attaches itself to the honor of the head of the state. Mr. Geer has brought his good, hard common sense to bear upon the questions which have come before him for solution and has rendered his judgments with the courage and sincerity characteristic of the man. "Tall Timothy" Geer is apparently booked for another term as governor—and we are glad of it.

THE Tillman and McLaurin episode in the senate is stirring up more trouble than perhaps either of the pugilistic solons are worth. Lieut.-Gov. Tillman, of South Carolina, has withdrawn the invitation to President Roosevelt to present a sword to Major Micah P. Jenkins, and the latter has now refused to receive the sword. The directors of the Charleston exposition have repeated the invitation to the President to come to Charleston, and disclaim all connection with the lieutenant governor's action. Senator Tillman has interviewed Senator Platt, of New York, and the latter says he will advise the President not to go. Roosevelt will attend the exposition. The talk about personal danger to the chief executive through his action in regard to the senatorial slugging match is absurd. The people of South Carolina are not assassins. It is true they are hot tempered and prone to the use of the gun; but deliberate cold-blooded murder is not one of their characteristics. The president will be as safe from personal harm at Charleston as anywhere else.

The Dynamite Was Loaded.

The following is from the Covina, Calif., Argus. It tells of a narrow escape from a frightful accident of B. S. Webb, a former resident of Medford: "The Bemis building and adjoining blocks had a narrow escape from total destruction shortly after noon on Saturday last by an explosion of dynamite caps in B. S. Webb's hardware store. "B. S. Webb had just received a shipment of giant powder and after unpacking the goods, a carpenter, named Charles Tate, who often spends a few minutes in the store during the noon hour, put the excelsior, in which the goods were wrapped, into the stove, not knowing that it contained a box of 100 dynamite caps, with an explosive power of 60 pounds each, which had been overlooked in the unpacking. "In a few moments a terrific explosion occurred, blowing the large cast iron stove into a thousand fragments, hurling them through woodwork and plaster. The report shook every building in the block and in a few minutes more than a hundred men were on the scene. Charles Tate was found on the floor stunned and bleeding, but by a miracle the other occupants of the store, B. S. Webb, the proprietor, and a man named William Goodrich, escaped with only a few cuts and bruises. On examination it was found that Tate was severely cut and bruised about the legs by fragments of the stove, and he has since been confined to his room under the doctor's care. How any of the occupants of the store escaped with their lives is a wonder as they were all standing within a foot of the stove at the time of the explosion. In addition to the woodwork and plaster of the building about \$25 worth of stock was injured by the flying fragments of the stove. "On a counter, four feet from the stove, was ten pounds of giant powder, and had this exploded by the concussion the entire building would have been made a total wreck and much damage would have resulted to adjacent property."

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MR. TONGUE ON IRRIGATION

The Congressman Explains His Position and Corrects some False Impressions

Representative Tongue, chairman of the house committee on irrigation and arid lands, in a recent interview very fully explained his position on matters coming before his committee. "There should be no misunderstanding of my position on the irrigation question," said Mr. Tongue. "There has been no concealment about it. The misunderstanding, possibly mixed with a little misrepresentation, is caused by those who allege that I am from a state where it rains 13 months in the year; where the rainfall is 100 inches annually, and therefore it is inconsistent that a Representative from the 'Webfoot State' should be at the head of the committee on irrigation of arid lands. Newspaper correspondents, assuming this to be true, proceed to inform their readers as to the position I occupy on all phases of this subject, without making the slightest attempt to ascertain the correctness of their reports. They overlook the fact that I am trying in part to represent a state as large as several Eastern States, and as two or three of the Middle Western states; a state of varied resources and climatic conditions containing as much fertile land, not needing irrigation, as in the state of Ohio, and as much arid and semi-arid lands, needing irrigation, as the State of Kansas or Nebraska. These conditions ought to enable me to study the question fairly and impartially, as I have tried to do.

"At the outset, I am opposed to any wild, gigantic scheme of irrigation that would commit the Federal Government to the expenditure of untold millions from the public Treasury, destroying present farm values, and frittering away the homes of coming generations. Such a scheme, backed as it is by some powerful interests, whose motives are not far to seek, has not the slightest chance of success. Its advocacy retards and may for a time defeat, a moderate measure for just and reasonable irrigation.

"In my judgment, the true policy which the General Government should pursue, the policy which has the best opportunity to secure the support of Congress, is to irrigate sufficient arid lands to furnish homes for actual, bona fide home builders. This should be the object and the limit of any irrigation law. There is a healthy, natural demand for this, and the demand should be met.

"The bill prepared under the direction of the Western Senators and Representatives is in the main along right lines. It seeks to supply the bona fide demand for rural homes and safeguard the welfare of home-builders. At the same time it is so moderate that it will not disturb industrial conditions, nor depreciate present farm values. In so far as it seeks to accomplish these ends it has my unqualified support. The proceeds of the sale of public lands in arid and semi-arid states are to be devoted to the reclamation of arid and semi-arid lands. This measure, if enacted into law, will be to a certain extent automatic. The supply will keep pace with the demand. As homesteads are taken up the public lands disposed of, arid lands will be irrigated in proportion.

While we have expended over \$2,000,000 for investigation and surveys of irrigation, so far as I know, not one dollar of this was ever expended within the States of Oregon or Washington.

"The tide of immigration is setting towards Oregon. There is probably more valuable land within the state open for settlement than in any other western state. The sales of public lands there are greater than in any other state of the Union. If the proceeds of the public lands are to be expended for irrigation, Oregon should be treated fairly. It should not be compelled to beg and implore or intrigue before the Secretary of the Interior, or with the geological department, or to contend against lobbies organized by private interests in order to have fair play. That should be accorded to it in this bill. I shall do all I can to secure an amendment as will do justice to Oregon, and if I did not do so, I should deem myself recreant to my duty as a representative from that state.

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REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETING

Jacksonville the Place and March 20th the Date for the Republican County Convention.

Pursuant to the call issued by H. D. Kubli, chairman of the Republican Central Committee, committee members from the various precincts in the county met at Jacksonville on Saturday last. The business before the committee was the issuance of a call for primaries and county convention and fixing the representation therein. The date for holding the primaries, in accordance with the recommendation of the state committee, was fixed at March 23d, and March 29th was set as the date for holding the county convention. The duty of the latter will consist of the election of eleven delegates to the state and congressional conventions, and the nomination of a full ticket for county offices.

The basis of representation in the county convention was fixed at two delegates at large for each precinct and one delegate for every 25 votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for Wm. McKinley for president in 1900. This will make a total of 124 delegates in the convention, 14 more than two years ago.

The new precinct of South Ashland, created since last election, was allowed two delegates at large, and as the votes cast there in 1900 are already represented in the precincts from which it was taken the south end of the county has two extra votes. The three Ashland precincts have a total of 20 votes, against 12 two years ago, and the eight from Barron and Dunn precincts makes 28 votes which may be expected to stay pretty closely together.

Jacksonville, Medford and Central Point were mentioned as places for holding the convention. The vote resulted: Jacksonville, 18; Medford, 8; Central Point, 5.

Following is the apportionment of delegates to the various precincts for representation in the county convention:

East Ashland	9	West Medford	4
West Ashland	9	Mound	4
South Ashland	2	Phoenix	4
Barron	3	Pleasant Creek	3
Dunn	5	Trish Flat	4
Apple	4	Rock Point	3
Big Butte	2	Roxy	2
Central Point	5	Santa Valley	3
Climax	2	Sterling	3
East Point	5	Talent	3
Flora	2	Talent	3
Foots Creek	2	Trish Flat	4
Apple	4	Union	3
Gold Hill	3	Union	3
Jacksonville	18	Watkins	3
Lincoln	3	Willow Springs	3
Medford	8	Woodville	3
East Medford	7		
Total	124		

Proxies will be confined to residents of precincts represented.

Many Settlers Coming.

From the Oregonian.
Settlers' rates from the east to the Pacific Northwest went into effect yesterday (Saturday), and reports from the Mississippi valley terminals indicate that the first day's movement was notable. All transcontinental trains bore evidences of the increased travel. The Northern Pacific trains brought 600 settlers out of St. Paul and Minneapolis for points in the northwest as far south as Ashland, Or. Union Pacific and Great Northern trains were also heavily loaded, but the number of passengers were not reported. From the large number of inquiries made for information about the northwest it is expected that the coming two months will see the greatest movement of settlers to this country that has ever been known in a similar period.

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Why Some Did Not Pass.

Some of the applicants for teachers' certificates at the late examination failed to pass because of a low average in spelling. THE MAIL has taken pains to secure the list of questions on orthography and after looking them over is of the opinion that a list more liable to confuse the average mind could not be very easily gotten up. The last question is a list of twenty words, the spelling of which the applicant is supposed to correct, as follows:

Clelling, margage, righteous, chronological, sythe, alest, dabs, satellite, mesmurlum, melocoly, sialuhun, granery, proesed, achqave, aosed, parsovee, reaset, compleet, acclimation, apricot. For this eighty credits out of one hundred is allowed. The words are spelled in all kinds of outlandish ways, some of them conveying not the slightest idea of the word for which they were intended. For instance, it would require a pretty good guesser to make mortgage out of "margage." "Clelling," "chronical," "sythe" and "mesmurlum" are easy enough, but "alest" and "dabu" put a lot of them to thinking. One word does not bear any resemblance to anything under the sun. What do you make out of the combination of letters in "melocoly"? Josh Billings never perpetrated anything like that. In fact, the whole list does not seem to be designed as a test of the knowledge of the applicant, but an effort to catch him tripping on some technical point. It seems hardly fair that a person should spend time and money preparing for these examinations and then have to go up against a catch question, shell game such as this was.

The words are all ones which anyone almost could spell correctly, provided they had been pronounced to them, or in printing them care had been taken to arrange the mis-spelling so that the applicant wouldn't have to guess at what word was intended. Catch questions should not be permitted in these examinations. They are not a test of knowledge or of the ability of the applicant as a teacher, and are often answered by one person, while another, perhaps fully as capable if not more so, fails to pass through inability to find the hidden joker.

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Henry C. Allen, clerk	\$1000
Brady P. Burnett, clerk	1200
M. B. Cunningham, laborer	600
John W. Curry, clerk	1200
Forest S. Fisher, clerk	1200
Harry L. Holzger, clerk	1200
Mrs. Susie C. Irwin, clerk	900
D. V. Kuykendall, clerk	1200
Elizabeth McCormick, clerk	900
John M. Pipes, clerk	1000
James R. Raley, clerk	900
Carrie E. Ross, clerk	900
William Sibray, clerk	1200

Under the terms of the "permanent census bureau" bill, they will be most likely retained in the government service, as they have been reported as giving efficient service and competent in every way.

Johnny Curry's many Medford friends will be pleased to see his name in the above list and to note that he is among those receiving the highest salary.

Coming, 200,000 Strong.

The Commercial West, of Minneapolis, in a recent issue, makes the prediction that the immigration through the Twin Cities to the Northwest farm lands this year will not be less than 200,000. While all of this population will not come to the Pacific Northwest, the great bulk of it undoubtedly will, and Oregon may be depended upon to get her share, the railroads having recently granted common-point settlers' rates to this state.

Land for Sale.

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