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A SECOND TERM FOR ROOSEVELT.

Lest we be accused of an attempt to deceive our readers in giving the above caption to this article, let us first explain why we are given the right to advocate his election for a "second" term, as we call it.

A clause of our unwritten constitution says that no man shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of President of the United States the second time, for the reason that George Washington refused to be a candidate for a third term. This is a matter of precedent and nothing more, but admitting for the sake of argument that this is a wise course to follow, we must remember that we have broken a precedent that is as old as the Republic, else we would not be discussing the "third term" proposition, and since we have done this, we might as well make a new start while we have a new question confronting us and a good point at which to begin.

Theodore Roosevelt is the first President in the history of the country who has been elected to that high office after first succeeding to it through the death of the President; has been a candidate for the office but once, and therefore we have no parallel case as a precedent to point the way for future action. In this regard, at least, President Roosevelt stands alone of all the men who have served our country as chief executive. His having served out the unexpired term of William McKinley has nothing more to do with his candidacy in 1904 than had the failure of Chester A. Arthur to secure a nomination and election,—after having succeeded to the presidency through the death of James A. Garfield—to do with his first nomination in 1904. On the fourth day of March, 1906, he will have held the office but four years as the choice of the American people, and therefore is eligible for re-nomination and election.

President Roosevelt has taken

First National Bank of Medford

Capital, \$50,000.

Resources, \$277,474.82.

In Less than Twenty Months We Have Passed the Quarter Million Mark

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Good and Careful Business Management. The Confidence of the Public. Its Fidelity to its Depositors. Its Courteous Treatment to All. That All Your Business Is Kept Confidential, and That while we invite your business we serve you faithfully.

Our Eighth Sworn Statement to the Treasury Department appears below. Please examine it Carefully. Then Call at THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK and Examine Facilities, Our Safe, Vault, Deposit Boxes and then Leave Your Deposit—and we will do the rest.

WM. S. CROWELL, President.

M. L. ALFORD, Cashier.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MEDFORD, at Medford, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, January 28, 1907.

RESOURCES.
Loans and Discounts \$50,791.58
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 1,309.74
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 30,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds 1,309.27
Bonds, securities, etc. 94,680.08
Banking house furniture and fixtures 16,700.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 32.25
Due from state banks and bankers 3,378.02
Due from approved reserve agents 32,500.00
Checks and other cash items 432.70
Notes of other National Banks 4,669.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents 139.00
Lawful Money Reserved in Bank, viz:
Specie 16,275.15
Legal-tender notes 100.00 16,436.15
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) 1,800.00
Total \$277,474.82

LIABILITIES
Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 6,388.45
National Bank notes outstanding 30,000.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers 227
Individual deposits subject to check 177,867.39
Demand certificates of deposit 13,219.30
Total \$277,474.82

STATE OF OREGON, County of Jackson—
I, M. L. ALFORD, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
M. L. ALFORD, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January, 1907.
M. FURBER, Notary Public
CORRECT—ATTEST: WM. S. CROWELL, CHAS. STANG, GEO. W. DAVIS, Directors.

President of the United States, although he is an eloquent speaker and a deep thinker. Men whose ambition is to sit in the presidential chair never reach that goal, and Mr. Bryan will be compelled to go down in history along with Henry Clay, James G. Blaine and other brilliant immortals of our political stage, who found that opportunity, and not ambition, makes presidential possibilities.

Could it have been that Mr. Bryan were successful in Nebraska politics, he would have been, in either house of our national legislature, an accomplished of great good for the nation. But, like others who have met the same fate, he was lured on by the false promises of political ambition, to meet with destruction on the rocks of disappointment where lie buried so many cherished hopes.

A resolution is before the legislature to provide for the election of a president of the Senate and speaker of the House by the people instead of choosing them from among the members of the respective bodies. Under the proposed law these officials would have no vote, their duties being simply to preside when the legislature was in session. This recalls to mind a bill that was introduced in Congress several years ago providing for a second vice-president, whose duties it would be to preside over the house of representatives. The change proposed by our state lawmakers would do away with the present system of electing these officers before the legislature can begin actual work, which contests often consume considerable time, cause bitterness of feeling between the members and result disastrously to the interests of the people. If this proposed change were made and some means provided by which the appointment of committees would be taken out of the hands of the presiding officers of both houses, the state at large would obtain much better results from its legislature. The same may be truthfully said of our national law-making body.

Oregon is being widely congratulated on having accomplished as a commonwealth that which we have thus far been unable to accomplish as a nation, namely, the election of United States Senators by direct vote, for practically that is what Oregon has done in the inauguration of the system under which Jonathan Bourne and Fred W. Mulkey were elected. Mr. Mulkey will in all probability never sit in the Senate Chamber of the nation as a member of that body but Mr. Bourne will go to Washington the latter part of this year, clothed with the honor and distinction of being the first man to sit in the greatest legislative body in the world as the choice of the people of his state.

four hours after receiving notice. This amount can be recovered by the shipper, together with all damages sustained, and he is liable to the railroad in the same amount for failure to load his car within the allotted time. In Kansas the reciprocal penalty is only \$1 a day. In some states the matters are all arranged by a railroad commission, which has power to formulate rules, and enforce them.

Senator Beveridge has introduced a bill in Congress looking to the regulation of child labor in factories and mines and we may all express the hope that it will become a law and find strict enforcement. If there is any one thing in this country that is endangering the life of the nation more than any other it is child labor. The youth of today are those on whom the responsibilities of citizenship rest tomorrow. Instead of being at work in factories and mines the children of the nation should be in schools receiving the proper education and training to fit them for the future.

The Portland Telegram of recent date contains an article entitled "Walnut Growers Learn to Graft." This is nothing startling, when we consider the fact that they have had so many opportunities to learn from politicians.

TAX SALE DEEDS HELD INVALID.

From Portland Telegram: Tax deeds issued by Multnomah County covering property worth at least \$1,000,000 are void. This is the effect of a decision given by Circuit Judge Gantenbein. Practically it invalidates all the so-called "junk sales" of county and city property for delinquent taxes that have been made to date, and it is estimated that the amounts of delinquent taxes for which the sales were made aggregate at least \$50,000.

This is the first time the validity of deeds issued by the county on the basis of sales for taxes has been raised in this state. The suit in question was that of George L. Parker against J. K. Kollock, ostensibly a suit to quiet title to property in Point View Addition, now a part of the city, but really to test the validity of deeds issued by the county on the basis of sales for delinquent taxes. It was tried in Judge Gantenbein's court several days ago, and since then the jurist has made an exhaustive investigation, of decisions in similar matters in other states. The result is a complete victory for the plaintiff, but before he can resume possession of the property he must "make good" to the county for the back taxes.

Several town lots in Point View belonging to Parker were sold by W. A. Storey as Sheriff in 1904 to satisfy the county's claim for taxes for 1897, 1898 and 1899. The county first bid in the property, and later, on the strength of its claim, issued deeds to Kollock. The decision of Judge Gantenbein holds that the tax deed is void and that the sale based on it is also of no effect.

A law was enacted by the Oregon Legislature in 1893, and amended in 1901, by which a county is authorized to bid the amount of taxes due, together with the costs for which any parcel of land is offered, and if there be no other bid of such amount the land may be sold to the county.

The court holds that the county has not power under the constitution to speculate in tax titles, and cannot become a competitive bidder at tax sales. A deed given by the county for land bid in by the county at a tax sale must show on its face that it was not purchased as a result of competitive bidding.

Judge Gantenbein held that in the Parker-Kollock case there was nothing to show the existence or nonexistence of other bidders for the property involved, or to show that it was necessary for the county to bid in on account of the absence of bidders, the deed in this instance merely giving the bald statement: "Therefore purchased by the county at delinquent tax sale."

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

—The Stetson Company, which played Uncle Tom's Cabin on Monday night, was favored with a large audience. This company has some good specialties and a portion of the cast is as good as one would expect to find on the road, but the world-famous play which has been the source of so much laughter and many tears is so changed that if Harriet Beecher Stowe should see it she would hardly recognize some of the acts as having been built on the foundation of her best literary production. However, there are some artists in the Stetson Company who are deserving of commendable mention.

—A special meeting of the City Council was held on Saturday evening of last week, with view to taking preliminary action in the matter of providing a more adequate water supply for the city of Medford. An ordinance was passed providing for the services of competent engineers to examine into and report upon the source and plans for obtaining the necessary supply of pure water. Col. Willard Young and Frank C. Kelsey, two expert engineers of Portland, were engaged to do the work as prescribed by ordinance and report within twenty days. These gentlemen came well recommended and will no doubt render good service.

—For gutters and spouting got to J. A. Smith.

—Senator Mullt has introduced in the Upper House a memorial to the President and Congress asking that a law be enacted compelling the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to dispose of the lands granted them by the United States Government under the grants 1866-70. Representative Vawter is pushing the matter in the House.

—Work has been resumed on several of the unfinished brick buildings. G. W. Priddy has men at work putting up the brick walls for the J. F. White building. S. Childer is doing like work on the Palm building. Mr. Rheinhardt is pushing foundation work on the Merrick block and E. C. Collins rushing foundation work on the new postoffice.

—New interest and life are being infused with the work of the Christian church. Several have taken membership since the new minister has begun his work. A large audience is expected next Sunday at the special services, both morning and evening. Special music will be a feature of the service at that time.

—See E. N. Warner for alfalfa and rye seed.

—All musical people having in their possession a copy of Rosini's Oritorio "Stabat Mater" will confer a favor by leaving the same at Hutchison & Lumsden's store. By direction of Mrs. M. L. Alford, secretary Ladies' Aid Society Presbyterian Church.

—The chicken dinner given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church last Friday evening, was a very successful affair. There was a large attendance, the dinner was excellent and the net receipts were over \$60.

—George W. Dickson and Mr. Hill arrived from Seattle Wednesday evening having come here to look into the feasibility of building a railroad from this city to Crescent City California.

—Through the efforts of M. Bellinger, A. Verille has sold his residence property on West Seventh street to J. Elmhurst, for a consideration of \$1700.

—W. W. Effect, the tailor, whom we announced as convalescent in our last issue, is again confined to his home with rheumatism of the spine.

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—The annual meeting of the Jackson county stock association will be held in Medford on February 9th.

East Medford Items.

W. L. Ling is confined to the house with a severe carbuncle.

Mrs. G. Miller is suffering from a hip gippe.

Miss Prue Angle returned Tuesday from a weeks visit with Ashland friends.

Mrs. J. M. Gibson of Central Point visited Mrs. T. W. Johnson Wednesday.

Rev. black of the Adventist church has purchased of Geo. R. Lindley one and a quarter acres of ground in East 7th street joining Mr. Lindley's home and will begin building thereon as soon as the weather permits.

Miss Florence Dodge a niece of Mrs. Ed Andrews arrived recently from Sparta, Wisconsin, and has taken rooms with Mrs. Robert Hale. Miss Dodge is a proficient teacher of music and has organized classes in Talent, Phoenix and Gold Hill.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for at the Medford postoffice on Jan. 31, 1907.
Cameron, Wm. Gilmore, Mrs. John
Dunn, Arthur. Kaine, W. T.
Elstad, M. J. Scott, Thomas
Harrison, Mrs. F. A. Topple, Earl

A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised."

A. M. WOODBURY, Postmaster.

Taken Up Notice.

There came to our place on the De Bar ranch, 2 1/2 miles north of Medford, about Nov. 1st, one red, muley cow, branded IB on right hip, also brand on left hip, not legible. Crop off each ear. Owner can recover property by calling or addressing us at Central Point, Ore. Yocom & Welch

NOTICE.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Recorder of the City of Medford, until the 11th day of February 1907, for the purchase of \$45,000 Refunding Bonds, to be dated March 5th, 1907.

Bonds are of \$500 denomination, will bear five per cent interest, payable semi-annually in Medford, Oregon or New York City, N. Y., and will mature in twenty years.

All proposals must be accompanied with a certified check in the amount of five per cent of the sum bid, payable to the City of Medford, Oregon. Right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

BEN. M. COLLINS, Recorder.
J. S. HOWARD, Mayor.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Lewis E. Land, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Lewis E. Land, deceased, by the Hon. George W. Dunn, Judge of Jackson County, Oregon.

All persons having claims against the said estate are notified to present the same to me properly verified at my home on Griffin Creek, in Jackson County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 31st day of January, 1907.
EMMA LAND,
Administratrix of Estate of Lewis E. Land, deceased.

—Legal blanks at THE MAIL office.

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We have had several inquiries from people desiring homes in Medford during the past few days. Anyone having city or nearby improved property which they desire to sell immediately, might do so by submitting their proposition to us.

For further information apply to

Fred'k W. Lawton

Room 3, Palm Block, Medford, Ore.

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If you grow hoarse without any apparent reason; if an ugly little hack arises, you need

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It soothes and heals. Best of all it prevents those severe spasms of coughing which are so likely to produce soreness of the lungs.

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