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A GREAT OFFER.

All persons receiving the WEST SIDE from now till July, will please consider it an invitation to subscribe.

MR. BUTLER OF MR. KEYS. This is no time to swap horses, while we are crossing the stream.

WE ask in tones of a glorious patriotism, will Independence celebrate Independence day this year? We should not go back on our namesake.

THE great interests of Polk county are hanging in a balance. Be careful whom you send to the next legislature. We need our strong est men.

THE more Hon. N. L. Butler has been asked to explain his past political work for Polk county and the state of Oregon, the brighter it shines. His record is one not to be ashamed of.

D. C. SHERMAN, running for county clerk of Marion, ought to be "snowed under" by a thousand votes, if all reports are true, and it seems that he cannot deny them.

IF each member of a brass band, in the midst of the performance, out of a vain desire to appear versatile, had changed instruments with his next neighbor, what a discord and what a failure would have resulted!

A VERY noticeable fact is that not a newspaper in the state has sought to say against A. S. Bennett for supreme judge, or George Chamberlain for attorney general.

A FEW Republicans who care more for politics four years hence than they do for present achievements in the interests of Polk county, say that the main issue before the people is the election of United States senator four years hence; therefore we must vote for Mr. Keyt.

A. S. BENNETT.

THERE are two Republicans on the supreme bench of the state at present, the only Democrat retiring. This branch of the government should be kept as free from politics as possible.

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ALL OVER NOW.

The candidates have spoken at the various precincts in the county, each one presenting his respective merits, and the people have had a fair and impartial opportunity to judge as to the real qualifications of the various aspirants, and before another issue of the WEST SIDE, the ordeal will have passed, the election will be over, and all persons and parties will have settled down to the regular pursuits of life, and serenity and good-will we hope will prevail.

WE'VE FOUND HIM.

Since "Normal's" last week's letter in the Observer shows how completely the WEST SIDE squelched him, and since Normal's third rate billingsgate has rendered him a laughing stock all over Polk county, and since he admits that he belongs to that class of Republicans which he alleges are only on a par with that class of Democrats represented by the "James and Quantrells of Missouri," who always and their antagonists from ambush, and since his sophomoric rantings only exhibit the weakness of his position, which position he has entirely abandoned, and since he had better remain at "Jericho until his beard grows," we can only dismiss this novice, whose only stock in trade in Dallas, where he lives, is egotistical bombast, duly inherited, and for which he is sorely responsible.

It is passing strange that a newspaper would allow itself to insinuate that the Oregon Pacific Railroad company had an "inside circle" pressing Hon. M. L. Pipes for the vacant judgeship, made by Hon. E. S. Bean being elected to the supreme judgeship. Now we happen to know, and are absolutely positive, that Gov. Penneyer was not in the least influenced by any railroad corporation in his appointment of Judge Pipes. We can safely say, that if all the allegations made against Judge Pipes from certain quarters in Benton county are as untrustworthy as this one made in the Times last week, and we believe they are, then a blind man can see that the whole of this opposition is personal screed, and should not be entertained for a moment by anyone desiring to vote for an honest, able, and efficient judge.

JUDGE M. L. PIPES.

Let the voter bear in mind when making up his ticket to vote, that he must erase the names of all candidates he does not wish to vote for. Remember to mark out the names of all you do not wish to vote for, as if you fail in this particular your vote will not be counted.

SOME CANDIDATES.

EDITOR WEST SIDE: I wish space in your paper to say a few words regarding the candidacy of the Hon. R. M. Veatch for congress. You have always evinced a disposition to treat everyone with fairness, and I am sure that you will allow me space in which to give a few reasons why Democrats should support Mr. Veatch as well as all the other candidates on their ticket.

It has been said frequently that Democrats as well as Republicans should vote for Mr. Hermann, the idea intended to be conveyed being that, on account of Mr. Hermann's experience and acquaintance with the routine of legislation at Washington, he could do more for the state than any new man. Now I am willing to grant that Mr. Hermann has done a great deal for us; but I am far from being convinced that he can do more for Oregon than could a new man, provided the new man is a Democrat.

Such an argument in favor of Mr. Hermann might do if there were a Republican majority, but with the present overwhelming odds in favor of the Democrats, a Democratic representative from Oregon could do far more than Mr. Hermann.

On the silver bill, Mr. Veatch would vote for free coinage, as did Mr. Hermann. As far as the state is concerned, Mr. Veatch would favor every measure that Mr. Hermann favors, and would be much more successful in getting them through congress than Mr. Hermann can hope to be so long as the Democrats are in the majority.

As to the tariff question, there would be more or less difference between the two men, for while Hermann favors the iniquitous McKinley law, Veatch would oppose it. And this is what the people are clamoring for. They are tired of paying the McKinley prices advocated by Mr. Hermann and the Republican party. It is a slur on a man's intelligence to tell him that a tariff lowers prices of manufactured goods, and at the same time makes wages higher, as Mr. Horr did at the Republican meeting in this city recently, and as Mr. Hermann does whenever he discusses the tariff question.

No, Mr. Editor, there is not one single point wherein Binger Hermann has any advantage over R. M. Veatch; but on every point Mr. Veatch would, if elected, have much advantage over Mr. Hermann. As to the ability of the two gentlemen, there is not much choice. It is not a question of ability, for all admit that the one is as able as the other; but it is a question of expediency. The question is, Which man can do most for Oregon? There can be no doubt that Mr. Veatch can and will secure more legislation looking to the development of the state than can Mr. Hermann, for it is only natural that a Democratic congress should listen with more deference to a friend of that party than to one who is unalterably opposed to Democracy.

In passing, I wish also to call the attention of your readers to the fact that unless a Democrat is elected, the supreme court of Oregon will be wholly in the hands of the Republican party. It is very unwise to have every judge of the court of last resort of one political faith, for, able as the judges may be, unless there is at least one who is of a different political complexion, the decisions are bound to be colored by the politics of the judges.

state supreme court. Many cases grow out of elections; many more come from political offices; there can be no just decision in such cases if all the judges are of one political faith. You have an opportunity, voters, to elect a Democrat to the supreme bench of Oregon, and no matter whether you are Republicans or Democrats, it will be doing yourself a great wrong if you fail to elect Judge Bennett, who, as a lawyer, a gentleman, and an honest man, stands the peer of any man in Oregon.

And then there is the newly-created office of attorney general. Even the Republicans admit that George E. Chamberlain is entitled to hold that office for the next term. That was the intention of the Republican legislature which created the office, and the Republican state central committee advised that no nomination for that office be made by their party.

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until after the legislature adjourned. As to Mr. Chamberlain's fitness to discharge the duties of the office, there is no question. He is one of the foremost lawyers of the state, and is an upright, honorable man. During the year or more he has held the office he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Republicans and Democrats alike that he is eminently capable of successfully transacting all business that comes before him, and in view of the fact that it was only because it was understood that he was to hold the office till the general election in 1894 that he gave up a lucrative private business to accept it, it is no more than fair that he be elected, as he undoubtedly will be.

The above correspondent gives our Republican brethren a dose of their own medicine, concerning majorities in congress and legislatures. If you take the dose in the case of Mr. Keyt, you must take it in reference to Mr. Hermann, to be consistent.—Ed.]

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