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A HOME COMING

Williamson Visits Home and Friends.

Decorations, Fireworks.

A Great Gathering of the People to Welcome Our Congressman.

Last Wednesday was one long to be remembered by the inhabitants of this place. Word had been passed around that our future congressman was coming home that evening for a visit and all afternoon preparations were being made to welcome him. For more than an hour before the daylight stage was due the streets were alive with people all anxiously craning their necks in the direction from which the stage would come. Dr. Gesner took a carriage and accompanied by the mayor went out to meet the stage and brought in the party consisting of Hon. J. N. Williamson and Alfred Holman, of the Oregonian. Alighting at the Poindexter hotel a round of handshaking was indulged in until Judge Brink stepped out to the edge of the platform and announced that there would be a short season of speech making later in the evening when the large part of the crowd dispersed for supper. Meantime the band had been discoursing sweet strains of welcome to the honored guests. After supper the crowd that gathered in front of the hotel almost blockaded the streets and looked like the Fourth of July. The proverbial small boy was in the heights of his glory and the air was redolent with the perfume of exploding fireworks. The electric light people swung a motto across the street made of incandescent lights and nearly everybody on the block had one or more large lights in front of their places of business. After a few introductory pieces by the band Judge Brink introduced G. W. Barnes who made the opening address of the evening. Mr. Barnes spoke of the life of Williamson since his advent into this county, that all of the old time citizens knew him as man and boy and his efforts in behalf of this county were well known and appreciated. Among the many good things he said, was that "hidebound democrat as I am I can almost concede his election." Mr. Williamson was then called to the front and in a few well chosen remarks thanked his old friends and neighbors for this warm welcome home. He said that any political speech would seem altogether out of place at such a time. Mr. Holman was then introduced and made a short, but appropriate address. After speaking of the merits of Mr. Williamson he dwelt on the fact that this was the first visit of any member of the Oregonian staff in an official character to this great interior territory. He promised that it would not be so long until another visit was paid to us and after telling what a fine country he thought it was bid the crowd goodnight. Three hearty cheers were given for Williamson and it was some time before the crowd dispersed as every one wanted to greet the next member of congress from this district, and his time was pretty well occupied for

more than an hour in handshaking. He returned to The Dalles Saturday morning. He will probably be back in a couple of weeks accompanied by our next governor W. J. Furnish when they will talk on the political issues of the day.

Ashwood Gleanings.

From the Prospector.

Jack Summers, the Prineville post master, was a visitor in this camp yesterday.

Miss Ida Omeg left yesterday morning for Prineville, where she will study music under Mrs. Elkins. Miss Omeg's friends among the young people here, called in a body Saturday evening, to bid her Good-bye.

Mr. H. G. Kibbee and wife of Hay Creek, arrived in town Sunday and are the guests of Mrs. W. T. Wood. Mrs. Kibbee will remain several weeks.

Mrs. Samuel Rusk of Lamonta arrived in camp Sunday and will visit her daughters, Mesdames J. T. Robinson, James Wood and J. W. Robinson for a week or more.

The Ashwood school closed a very successful six months term, last Friday afternoon, and Miss Omeg is being congratulated by the patrons of the school upon the splendid advancement made by her pupils during the past year. There was sufficient money in the treasury to continue the school for fully three months more, but Miss Omeg had arranged to leave at this time and as her contract was out the directors were unable to keep her. It was not thought that there would be available funds for carrying on the school for more than six months, but since the money is on hand, doubtless some one will be secured to teach for the remaining three months.

Mining Development.

Development of mining properties in this camp will, during the coming summer and fall, exceed that of all previous years since its discovery. The Red Jacket, Ashwood, Kimberly and Trout Creek Companies will each engage in extensive work, and good times are promised for the camp. In addition, there are a large number of individual claims being opened up, and on all sides preparations are being made for a busy summer. The Roy Company's property is lying idle, pending the perfecting of their title, and the King Company, the development of whose property meant so much for the camp, is still entangled in its most unfortunate litigation. It is hoped however, that both of the last named properties will be in position to begin active operations within the year.—Ashwood Prospector.

It is reported upon good authority that 40 stamps will this season be added to the Red Boy mill—29 of which were recently purchased from the Little Giant Mining company. This will make 60 stamps for the Red Boy—the largest number of dropping stamps in any one mine in the state.—Granite Gem.

Cattle for Sale.

Sixty head of stock cattle, including one thoroughbred roan Durham and one half-blood roan Durham bull. For particulars call at my farm or address me at Culver, Oregon.

T. F. McCallister.

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THE OTHER SIDE

The Facts in the Aubrey Case on File.

No Reason for Removal.

An Examination of the Records Brings to Light the True Status of the Case.

In last week's Review appears a protest that is to be presented to the county court at the next regular term. This protest was brought forth as an aftermath to a petition that was presented to the court at the March term in which the same parties prayed for the removal of M. C. Aubrey as judge of election for Bend precinct. At the same term of the court there was presented a remonstrance signed by fifteen of the legal voters of that precinct, which was more than double the number signing the petition. These protestants would have the general public believe that our county court has overstepped the bounds of the law in not granting their petition, without first notifying them to appear and show cause why it should be granted. If there is any law on the subject it would be well for them to show it, as the burden of proof lies with the complainant. The JOURNAL is ready at any and all times to criticize the acts of our county officials and is also ready to defend them at any time from the attack of irresponsible parties. This attack is unwarranted and uncalled for. Had these parties believed that they had just cause for complaint they would have appeared at the proper time and at least tried to show cause why M. C. Aubrey should not be appointed a judge of election in their precinct. At the January term of the court the law says that the judges and clerks shall be appointed and then a special term is made obligatory in February at which time all protests against the appointees shall be heard. Did these Bend people appear at that meeting with their protest? Their protest was filed February 26, twenty-one days after the meeting of the court to consider such matters and after it had been passed to the county clerk and was then out of the hands of these people. But we will suppose that their petition had been presented at the proper time and place and that the remonstrance to it had also been filed at the same time does anyone suppose for a moment that the court would have granted a petition signed by seven voters when a remonstrance against it was presented signed by fifteen just as good voters? Hardly.

As to the matter of Mr. Aubrey's signature appearing on the Stevens license, it matters little for there are many people in this wide world who do not read the contents of a petition on being told what it is and we doubt not that those who are so hot on the trail of Mr. Aubrey have done the same many times and no protest was made against them either. Mr. Aubrey's statement in regard to the matter is that he did sign the petition, but that he did not read it and therefore did not know that it required legal voters of Black Butte precinct only. And further, he com-

mitted no overt act in so signing it, neither did he do anything for which the law says he shall be disfranchised. These people seem to think that they can make an accusation and the other parties must then prove themselves innocent, but the law says that such is not the case and they will so find if they ever bring a case before the courts. Following is the remonstrance:

"Bend, Oregon, March 5, 1902. To the Hon County Court of Crook county, Or. Certain parties are circulating a petition in this precinct for the removal of M. C. Aubrey as judge of election at the coming June election and we the undersigned voters of this precinct protest against such action. We believe M. C. Aubrey fully qualified to act as judge of election of this precinct. (Signed), W. H. Staats, Chas. A. Stanburrough, D. W. Morehouse, S. B. Alexander, John Sizemore, Wm. Arnold, J. K. Riggs, Jas. C. McDonald, Jas. McFarland, Ovid W. R. Riley, Frank Glass, J. R. Benham, C. B. Swalley, B. C. Low, J. H. Templeton."

Some Errors.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

From an examination of the semi-annual report of J. J. Smith, county clerk, published in last week's issue of the JOURNAL I find what are evidently two gross errors or omissions.

From the report of the county treasurer, published at the same time, it appears that there is in his hands \$3722.54 belonging to the road fund, yet I do not find any sum credited to that fund in the report of the county clerk. This fund is certainly one of the resources of this county and should be specified as such in the county clerk's statement. Again it appears from the report of the county treasurer that there is on hands \$30991.87 in the general fund and in the statement of the county clerk he reported \$30991.87 applicable to the payment of county warrants. The report of the treasurer shows that no part of the state taxes, amounting to \$11960 now due, has been paid. Now how is it possible for a sum of \$30991.87 to be applicable to payments of warrants when the state tax is due and unpaid? The amount of the state tax should have been deducted from the amount in the general fund and the balance would then be the amount properly applicable to the payment of county warrants. These errors are very misleading and calculated to confuse the minds of the tax payers with reference to the financial condition of the county.

Jess.

A church at Eugene gave a pie social which was a success socially and financially. Persons attending chipped in a dime each to increase the receipts and then kept their pie appetite in abeyance while they witnessed an interesting program. When the time for the onslaught on the pies came around, it was found that some conscienceless, "piefaced" thief had stolen 30 of the pies, but had left the pie-plates on the back doorstep of the church.

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NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not.

Cullings From Our Exchanges: News Notes of the Week Timely Topics

A bill is before the Senate annexing to Utah all that part of Arizona lying north and west of the Colorado River.

One million five hundred thousand dollars is said to be the value of horses which have been purchased in the Northwest during the past two years.

The total number of prisoners in the Oregon penitentiary at Salem is 318, as against 584 confined in the penitentiary of the State of Washington.

The graduating class of the Oregon Agriculture College will consist of 28 this year. They will not appear in caps and gowns, it having been otherwise decided.

The lumber shipments from Oregon in 1901 amounted to about 25,000 carloads. Present indications show that this year's shipments will exceed those of last year by more than 50 per cent. It would seem that the future possibilities in this direction are illimitable.

The Senate Committee on Pensions has ordered a favorable report from the bill granting increases of pensions to soldiers who have lost arms, legs or feet. The increase will be \$10 per month each, and will increase the annual pension appropriation bill \$1,300,000. The committee also ordered a favorable report on a bill increasing from \$30 to \$40 per month the pension of those who are totally deaf. This will increase the pension appropriation \$28,000 only.

The executive committee of the State Woolgrowers Association, which met in Antelope on April 5, established the following dates as "Wool Sale Days," to wit: For Pendleton, May 29 and 30; Heppner June 4 and 5; The Dalles, June 9 and 10; Shaniko, June 12 and 13. These days will be well advertised, insuring the presence of a large number of wool buyers, and in this manner insuring the highest prices for the season's clip.

A week ago last Sunday four men hired a team of Ward & Robertson to go to Matoes, Crook county, for the purpose of examining timber lands in that section. Saturday evening last they returned the team in a most dilapidated condition, the horses being so starved and jaded that they could scarcely travel. When they brought the team in Mr. Robertson was ill and could not settle with them else they would have been arrested for cruelty to animals. As it was they got away leaving pay for the use of the team down town. Three of them are named Tom Martin, Rod Garro and Bert Robins; the name of the fourth was not learned. Officers are on the lookout for them and should they be found they will be prosecuted.—Dalles Mountaineer.

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