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Democratic Nominees.

For Representatives—C. W. Evans, S. Hutchinson, John W. Loder. For Sheriff—Chas Ely. For Clerk—Millard Crisell. For Treasurer—N. F. Nelson. For Assessor—T. R. A. Sellwood. For Supt. of Schools—H. G. Stark-weather. For Commissioner—J. H. Kitching. For Surveyor—A. M. Kirchem.

RESOLUTIONS AND PLATFORM.

Resolved, That we hold the Republican party of Clackamas county responsible for the present financial condition of our county, wherein our indebtedness has grown from \$40,000 to nearly \$200,000 since the last term of Governor White's administration. At the same time property valuations in the county have more than doubled and the percent of taxation has greatly increased, yet this enormous debt hangs over us when it should have been wiped out. We fully believe it time to have a change of administration in county affairs and ask all voters to consider well before casting their ballots.

Resolved, That we favor the election of road supervisors by the people; also that we favor that good roads after being constructed shall be kept in repair by contract work; also that 75 per cent of the money collected in each road district be expended in that district.

Morally, there is a vast difference between official incompetency and official dishonesty. Practically, the effect on the taxpayer is about the same.

The only weakness the average voter has been able to discover in the Democratic ticket is weakness in fixing the primaries, fixing the convention, and fixing their friends with the promise of everything under the sun.

In his address at the banquet at Salem a few days ago, Colonel Miller called attention to the successes of the Japanese against a mighty foe and pointed out that their victories lie in the fact that the Japanese are a united people. The moral is plain; will the Democrats of this county heed it?

JAPAN has only begun. After all the numerous "off" family have been killed she will yet have to contend with the "skys" and "vitchies". If Russia were accommodating she would save time by sending an "off-sky-vitch" and letting the result of the war turn on his success or failure.

Millard Crisell, residing north of Aurora, has been nominated by the Clackamas County Democrats for County Clerk. The Democrats have shown good judgment in selecting Mr. Crisell. He is a progressive young man, strictly honest and well qualified. If elected he will make an excellent County Clerk—Aurora Borealis.

The county school fund portion of the taxes paid in previous to April 1, 1904, amounted to \$27141.71. The amount apportioned to the several districts aggregate \$27141.38. Ten thousand dollars of school funds lying idle in the county treasury, while some schools in the county are closing early for want of money. Why is this thus?

In an editorial the Salem Statesman endeavors to show that President Roosevelt is the embodiment of all that is simple and unaffected in taste and manners. Not satisfied with this it goes on to state that the simplicity of Jefferson was assumed for political reasons. Well, perhaps it was, but why not be honest about it and admit that it is just by the merest scratch barely possible that President Roosevelt is not averse to seeing his name in the papers as having done some very commonplace act, and that he is not averse to having a vote on the strength of it.

Just why the State Board of Education should decree that pupils desiring to graduate from the eighth grade of our schools should write by the vertical system, is somewhat difficult to understand. Vertical writing is largely a fad and as such has about had its day. The value of a system of writing, like anything else, is determined by the use to which

it is put. Observation of the writing done in practically all the wholesale houses of Portland fails to disclose a single instance in which vertical writing is used. The fact of the matter is, vertical writing is not rapid enough to meet the demands of the hard-hearted business world.

The law giving a rebate on taxes was passed in the interest of wealthy individuals and corporations. It is the capitalist who always has the money on hand to pay his taxes at any given date, and it is he who benefits by the provisions of the law. Not only do most of the taxpayers fail to benefit materially by the rebate, but the tax levy is necessarily increased by the amount given away in the rebates. The rebates given in this county on the 1903 taxes, amount to \$4936 68. This is sufficient to pay a year's interest on \$82,283, a sum greater, according to the uncertified Semi-annual Summary Statement mentioned in another column, than the net indebtedness of the county. It will be to the interest of the great majority of taxpayers to see that this law is repealed.

A TALK WITH TAXPAYERS.

National and state politics are of vast importance to all voters, but it is impossible for the mass of the people to keep fully posted in regard to the details of legislative and administrative action in our national and state capitals. General policies only can be watched; and even in these, it is a difficult matter for the people to secure compliance with their demands. Capitalistic influences often thwart the expressed desires of the people. Investigations, so-called, are too often but the means of covering up malfeasance in office, or of shifting the blame from the real culprit to some subordinate who may, in reality, have acted only on instructions from his superior. Court decisions are obtained, which, like the notorious "Merger" case appear to be in the interests of the people, but which really point out to the anarchistic monopolists a better and safer method of handling their nefarious schemes. Reports of officials, as in the case of the Bristow report, are made for the purpose of convicting the people that those in authority are determined to rid the various departments of bribery and peculation; but whenever the investigation of such reports leads up toward the top of the official ladder, the report is denounced as being without foundation, and the investigation is either wholly dropped or directed in a new channel. If an offender like Captain Cowles happens to be a relative of some one high in authority, the offense is overlooked at the request of the influential relative. But the voice of the people is unheard by these ante-election servants, and post-election masters.

In our own state the voters demanded in the last election that state officers be placed on flat salaries; but the demand is unheeded. The taxpayers are robbed of thousands of dollars every year to pay for unnecessary printing, and to pay exorbitant prices for that which is necessary. A protest against this graft has been made year after year, but the legislative ear is stopped. Public indignation has many times been aroused at the spectacle of legislation of the utmost importance to the state being subordinated to the election of a United States senator; but there is no hope of reform.

Such being the case in national and state politics, the good citizen can do no better than to keep himself fully informed on the condition of affairs in his own county; denounce every scheme that has "graft" as its foundation; depose every dishonest or incompetent official; insist on economy in the management of county affairs, but condemn that false economy which neglects the interests of the people in order to give to some aspiring office holder the reputation of having given an economical administration.

In order to act intelligently, the voter should study carefully the proceedings of the county court and the semi-annual reports of the county officers. Demand an explanation whenever misleading or contradictory statements are made. That such statements are made, the following will show: The semi-annual report of the sheriff of Clackamas county, published in the Enterprise of April 8, 1904, shows "the amount of money and warrants received for taxes, and money paid to the county Treasurer by the Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon, for the six months ending on the 31st day of March, 1904." The sum paid to the Treasurer is stated as \$190,865.27. The Treasurer's statement covering the same period of time shows that he has received from the Sheriff the sum of \$176,340.74. It is thus seen that there is a discrepancy in the two accounts of \$14,524.53. Where is that money? The Sheriff certifies that it is not in his hands while the Treasurer certifies that he has not received it. A "Semi-Annual Summary Statement," published with the reports of the county officers, but signed by no one and certified to by no one, states that there was no money in the hands of the Sheriff, on the 31st day of March, 1904, applicable to the payment of county warrants. Thus it appears by the testimony of three witnesses—the Sheriff, the Treasurer and the ——— who failed to sign and certify to the "Semi-Annual

Summary Statement," that there has dropped from sight the sum of \$14,524.53. Of course that is only a trifling amount and has probably dropped into some chink in the floor of the safe, and will re-appear as soon as the people demand an accounting. But the fact remains, unless at least one officer has certified to a false statement, that the county is short \$14,524.53.

AN EXTRAVAGANT PRESIDENT.

The United States has the most extravagant president in its history, a man whose administration in style tends entirely to the imperialist; order of European nations. Besides asking for an increase of salary, he wants \$90,000 for new stables for his horses, and \$140,000 to cover cost of servants and other luxuries. \$475,000 was spent to change things around for him, and a complete botch was made of it. Sixty-five thousand dollars of this alone went to a friend in New York for furnishing the plans. The government furnishes him with a \$15,000 piano, chairs that cost \$400 electric, and in a recent musicale 2805 electric lights were used in the illumination, a display that would have made Queen Elizabeth take a retired seat. The paintings of Washington and Lincoln have given place to stuffed bear's heads, bison heads, and the heads of other animals, and the whole institution is being run on the same extravagant plans. Shades of Jefferson and Lincoln, how should the common people like this imperialistic display of the rough rider. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

A LOOK AT OURSELVES.

Russia has the sympathy of the Irish because Japan is a sort of protege of Great Britain. That isn't the best reason in the world, but it were unwise to offer with it around St. Patrick's Day. Russia needs some sympathy though. She would get more than is now the case were it not for the Jewish massacres. Yet we blame Russia for not preventing Jewish massacres, while we confess ourselves to Italy and China, powerless to punish our own citizens for massacres of Italians in Louisiana and Chinese in Colorado. We shudder at Siberia, but we don't mind our own convict camps. We are horrified by the stories of the knout, but not by our own public burning of criminals by mobs. We oppose Russia's grabbing of Manchuria, but we take Hawaii and the Philippines and we wink at a grab of Panama. The Russians are no worse than we are, upon the whole. The Japanese, upon the whole, are no better nor no worse than the Russians. We are "with" the Japanese largely because they have been wise enough to give us their "dope" in generous quantities through various new sources. We are against the Russians, let us record it in all seriousness, because so many of the co-religionists of the victims of Kishineff are copious advertisers in the daily papers. And that is how we get our positive opinions about war in the far east.—Astoria Herald.

Tariff Trust Highway.

Those big New York Republican newspapers that have advocated high tariff and protection in season and out are getting a dose of their own medicine, and a good dose, too. The printing paper trust charges \$2.50 a hundred pounds for the paper in New York that they ship over to England, paying freight and other charges, and sell there at \$2.08 a hundred. Figure it out. The trust after paying the freight and insurance charges sells the Englishman paper about one-sixth cheaper than to their home people. A most outrageous system of laws under which such robbery can be perpetrated—robbery, for they are not selling abroad except at a profit. The New Yorkers could make big money shipping the paper back were they not met at the American port by a customs collector.—Eugene Guard.

Death of Hon. L. T. Barin.

Louis T. Barin, who died suddenly on Monday morning of heart failure was at one time the leader of the Republican party in this county and a political power in the state. At the time of his death he was coming from his ranch below Portland on the steamer Iralda. When Louis, as his friends called him, established himself in the county in 1869, he took up a land claim on the Clackamas river, and then proceeded to study law. His means being limited he worked occasionally for neighboring farmers, who liked him on account of his good humor. Like the late John Myers, his doughty political opponent, he was democratic in his intercourse with his fellowmen. Such a man makes warm friends and keeps them. He was fond of hunting and fishing and had made a special study of salmon.

He was born in Providence, R. I. on March 14, 1842. In 1862 he arrived in the Oregon territory by way of San Francisco, and enlisted in Company E, First Regiment, Oregon Cavalry. He continued in the military service against the Indians until August 31, 1865, when he was honorably discharged.

In 1872, having opened a law office in Oregon City, he was elected on the Republican ticket as a member of the lower house of the legislature, and in succession held the offices of prosecuting attorney and mayor. Eight years he occupied the position of Register at the Oregon City government land office, and in 1880 he was appointed U. S. Marshal for Oregon. The Republican electors of Multnomah county, where his residence has been of late years, presented him with a solid silver service in recognition of his wise political leadership. At that period of his life he was on intimate terms with Joseph Simon, then the political dictator of Oregon.

HOW A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN ESCAPED SPRING CATARRH BY USE OF PE-RU-NA.

Nothing Robs One of Strength Like Spring Catarrh-- Spring Fever is Spring Catarrh.



MISS HELEN WHITMAN.

Miss Helen Whitman, 308 1/2 Grand avenue, Milwaukee, Wis., writes: "There is nothing like Peruna for that tired feeling, which gives you no ambition for work or play. After a prolonged illness, about a year ago I felt unable to regain my health, but four bottles of Peruna made a wonderful change and restored me to perfect health. As long as you keep your blood in good condition you are all right, and Peruna seems to fill the veins with pure, healthful blood. I thoroughly endorse it."

Have you got nerves? Well, you do exactly as did Mattie B. Curtis, Secretary of Legion of Loyal Women, Hotel Salem, Boston, Mass. She said in a recent letter: "I suffered for over a year with general weakness and debility manifested in severe headache and backache. I took four bottles of Peruna, and for two months have been entirely free from these malades."

Nervous Prostration. Thousands of cases might be quoted in which Peruna has been used to rescue people from the perdition of deranged nerves, and put them on the good, solid foundation of health. The County Auditor, repair the injury already done to your nerves.

itor of Erie county, New York, Hon. John W. Neff, in a recent letter written at Buffalo, New York, stated: "I was persuaded by a friend to try a bottle of your great nerve tonic, Peruna, and the results were so gratifying that I am more than pleased to recommend it."

A Spring Tonic.

Almost everybody needs a tonic in the spring. Something to brace the nerves, invigorate the brain and cleanse the blood. That Peruna will do this is beyond all question. Everyone who has tried it has had the same experience as Mrs. D. W. Timberlake, of Lynchburg, Va., who, in a recent letter, made use of the following words: "I always take a dose of Peruna after business hours, as it is a great thing for the nerves. There is no better spring tonic, and I have used about all of them."

Catarrh in Spring.

The spring is the best time to treat catarrh. Nature renews herself every spring. The system is rejuvenated by spring weather. This renders medicines more effective. A short course of Peruna, assisted by the balmy air of spring, will cure old, stubborn cases of catarrh that have resisted treatment for years. Everybody should have a copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book on catarrh. Address The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Lulu Larmer, Stoughton, Wis., says:

"For two years I suffered with nervous trouble and stomach disorders until it seemed that there was nothing to me but a bundle of nerves. I was very irritable, could not sleep, rest or compose myself, and was certainly unfit to take care of a household. I took nerve tonics and pills without benefit. When I began taking Peruna I grew steadily better, my nerves grew stronger, my rest was no longer fitful, and to-day I consider myself in perfect health and strength. My recovery was slow but sure, but I persevered and was rewarded by perfect health."—Mrs. Lulu Larmer.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

Important Announcement

It has been apparent for some time that Clackamas County was not receiving its just share of immigration flowing into the State. This has come about largely from the fact that other localities have made special effort, through local organizations and in the distribution of literature, to induce and invite new comers into their respective Counties. Clackamas County has to pay a large sum as its part of the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair, and it ought in all conscience to receive its proportion of the rewards in the way of new settlers to buy up our surplus lands and aid in the building up of new industries.

For the purpose of helping myself, and directly and indirectly this great County, I have opened a real estate office in Portland, at 233 Washington Street, Labbe building, first floor, and will be open for business on and after April 1st. Capt. James P. Shaw, late of Hood River, who was associated with the real estate department of my office some years ago, will have charge of the Portland office, and will be a full partner in the real estate department of the business, both in Portland and Oregon City. Having lived many years in Portland, Capt. Shaw has an intimate acquaintance with the metropolis and its people. From now on we will have special opportunities for selling real estate left with us. We shall make a specialty of the following properties:

- Clackamas County Lands. Oregon City Investments. Gladstone Property. Hood River Fruit and Berry Lands. And shall at all times try and attract Capitalists to take advantage of the untold resources of this great County.

We wish to increase our list of farms for sale and can promise faithful and efficient service. Would be pleased to have visitors to Portland call and get acquainted with our plan of selling lands. The firm name will be

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