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Democratic Nominations

Supreme Judge—Thomas O'Day. Congressman 2nd District—Robert M. Veatch. Dairy and Food Commission—S. M. Douglas. Presidential Electors—John A. Jeffrey, T. H. Crawford, W. B. Diller, J. H. Smith. For Joint Representative for Clackamas and Multnomah—J. E. Hedges. For Representatives—C. W. Evans, S. Hutchinson, W. W. Jesse. For Sheriff—Chas. Ely. For Clerk—Millard Grisell. For Treasurer—N. F. Nelson. For Assessor—T. R. A. Sellwood. Recorder—H. W. Lang. For Supt. of Schools—H. G. Starkweather. For Commissioner—J. H. Kitching. For Surveyor—A. M. Kirchem.

JOHN MITCHELL says that "In every strike, both sides get licked." And the public?

A MEXICAN smuggler was shot five times while trying to swim the Rio Grande last week. The way of the trans-Greaser is hard.

It may be just as well for Judge Parker to say nothing most of the time as it would be for him to say the identical same thing all the time.

MR. JAMES R. GARFIELD, of the Department of Commerce, says he has enough evidence to enable him to destroy the beef trust as soon as President Roosevelt is elected. Why not before?

RESPONDING to General Wood's recommendation that soldiers be able to swim, General Funston declares that it is not necessary; it is only necessary for them to have the reputation of being able to.

It is understood that Senator Smoot has received warning that if he wants to read his title clear next winter he had better be mighty careful and not let Utah or Idaho go Democratic in November.

TWELVE hundred dollars a year is what a Republican Clerk and Sheriff cost the county in excess of the amount paid to a Democratic Clerk and Sheriff. Can the tax payers of this county afford such a luxury?

DANE HENDERSON has posted back to Iowa with his crutches, reputation and rheumatism. His ambition for metropolitan methods has vanished. He says that all the time he was in New York, like Josh Whitcomb, he kept asking, "Where is the fire?"

CHAIRMAN COWHERD, of the Democratic Congressional Committee, gives notice that the Democrats expect to carry New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Indiana and Illinois besides those states which Mr. Roosevelt concedes. All of them are warming up.

If Sheriff Shaver is really in earnest in his protestations of a desire to conduct his office economically, why did he not give personal security on his special bond as tax collector, as the law permits, instead of putting the county to an expense of \$30.25 in bonding him in a guaranty company?

In his speech before the New York Chamber of Commerce last week Secretary Taft declared, as reported by that thick-and-thin administration organ, the Tribune, that Agnaldo and his forces were our allies during the contest with Spain. Let's see; isn't that one of those truths which were recently classified as "anti-imperialist lies"? Perhaps Secretary Taft will not tell us how we came to be upon our allies?

The increasing number of clover fields to be seen in Clackamas county, is good evidence that the farmers intend to restore the vitality of wornout soils, to prevent newer soils from retrograding and to supply their cows with good, wholesome food. There is probably no county in the state where farmers have changed their methods and met new conditions so rapidly as in this county.

There is certainly good reason to believe that Cupid is not a Russian, else his strategy could not be of such high

order. What is blowing up your own ship over the enemy's mine or sinking two hundred Japs beside Cupid's work in Chicago where a lady eight teen years of age adopted a young man, an orphan, twenty years of age, in order that she might give him a guardian's consent to marry herself.

A Rev. Mr. Nye, perhaps reflecting on the jokes of the late Bill Nye, recently undertook to pass a few on Free Masonry in Ohio. He opened up the first act by reading what he claimed was the first three obligations of Masonry. The joke was so huge that several men not only grasped the joke but also the joker, who had great difficulty in persuading them to desist. Perhaps he felt that he had made a mistake and read a part of the initiatory ceremony instead of the obligations and that his reading was being exemplified.

In answer to the COURIER'S inquiry in regard to the apportionment of school funds, the County Superintendent in a published letter says: "Inasmuch as my reply was ignored by the Courier, etc."

As no reply to the inquiry has been received by the COURIER from Mr. Zinser or from anyone else, it is hard to understand how it could have been "ignored." We state positively that we have received no communication, either oral or written, in answer to our question; and any statement implying the contrary is absolutely false.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN seems to have been very much opposed to "criminal aggression," for he said "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and, under a just God, cannot long retain it. All honor to Jefferson—the man who in the concrete pressure of the struggle for national independence by a single people had the coolness, forecast, and sagacity to introduce into a merely revolutionary document an abstract truth, applicable to all men and all times, and so to embalm it there that today and in all coming days it shall be a rebuke and a stumbling block to the various harbingers of reappearing tyranny and oppression."

Two weeks ago the COURIER made the statement that the County Clerk had failed in his last semi-annual report to set forth the amount of outstanding and unpaid county warrants, as required by law. The truth of this statement has been denied in some quarters; but we re-assert it, and call your attention to the provisions of the law as found in Bellinger and Cotton's Code, Sec. 2639 and 2642. The first section reads as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the County Clerk of each county, on the first day of April and the first day of October of each year, to publish in one issue of a weekly paper having general circulation in the county, a report showing correctly the number and amount of claims allowed by the county court, and on what accounts, the amount of warrants drawn and the amount of outstanding warrants unpaid."

Sections 2640 and 2641 provide for the publication of the reports of the Sheriff and the Treasurer. Section 2642 reads as follows:

"The Clerk shall prepare and attach to said reports a summary which shall show, in all respects, the exact financial condition of his county at said date."

The report required by Section 2639 is in reality the "Clerk's Report," is signed and certified by that officer and should contain, according to the law as quoted above, a statement of the amount of unpaid warrants. Heretofore such statement has been made; but the present Clerk chooses to transfer it from his certified report to the uncertified summary. In doing so, he has certainly failed to make his reports according to law. No doubt this has occurred through carelessness as a willful neglect to make statements, subjects the offender to a fine.

It has been claimed that, so long as the statement of unpaid warrants appears somewhere in the Clerk's reports, it is immaterial whether it is in his own report, or in his summary of the various reports, but it is of the utmost importance that it be in its proper place. First, the law states specifically that it shall be in the Clerk's own report; second, the people want a certified statement of the county's indebtedness, and under the present reports, that is not given. Can it be that the clerk is unwilling to certify to the statement he has made? If so, the county court should order him to do so immediately.

There is a class of professional people in this county whose business is rushing only once in two years. During their vacation they may be seen on the streets of Oregon City and on the nail kegs of the country stores, telling exploits of themselves that would retire Arabian Nights heroes to the outer gates. They are, according to their own testimony, in close friendship with the entire Oregon delegation in Congress, and that said delegation is ready, anxious, aye, yearning to have them accept positions in the diplomatic corps and in the cabinet.

Quite different is the real estimate to be placed on this class, who are shiftless grafters with absolutely no consistency or convictions on anything. As a matter of fact they will serve one party

as readily as another but as the Republican machine of this county has had the means and the desire to employ them, they are one and all in its service. A week before election they begin to bustle around like a new England whaler getting ready for his season's cruise. A good horse and buggy supplant walking, good cigars supplant the corn cob and even a new suit sometimes takes the place of a duck coat and overalls. The erstwhile hanger-on suddenly becomes a man of influence and means. He drives over into the canyon and sounds Mr. blank to ascertain "where he is at." If Mr. blank is not very enthusiastic about attending the polls and argues that he does not care to lose a day, why, this big hearted interviewer will send a man to assist for a day. If blank shows a slight disposition to go and vote as he pleases, the interviewer changes his tactics and tells him that the election is a quiet one and "it makes no difference nobow" and that his judgment about staying at home is sound. And so it goes until the day of election when these corrupters of good citizenship make the efforts of their lives. Many and earnest are the little side talks with young inexperienced voters, newcomers who do not understand conditions, irresponsibles who are susceptible to the aroma of a good cigar. Nobody has laid himself directly liable. Quite a number have done nothing intentionally wrong, and yet the voters have done that which it was not their intention to do. The plan of operation varies somewhat, but the aims and results are the same.

Not every Republican candidate is necessarily a party to this transaction but nevertheless he is a part of the crowd that countenances it. There is every reason to believe that these hirelings will be out again this year as in the past. Every observing citizen knows who they are and they should be pointed out to all who do not know them and their work.

We feel that we must again suggest to the voters of this county the importance of the election of our joint representative. Much is said by our county officials of the increased state demands as the cause for our larger taxes. Heaven knows they are large to a limit, second only to that of the taxes in Russia where, we are informed, more than fifty per cent of the products of the farm and laboring classes are required to meet the outrageous demands of the government. We question the absolute truth and validity of the argument, as we suspect much of the cause of the increase lies in the court house. But assuming for the present that the statement is true, logically, we can insist that there should be a change in the legislative makeup.

Mr. Hedges has, for the past ten years, been demonstrating that he is careful, conservative, and watchful for the interests of those whose interests are in his hands. With him in the legislature we may expect to have a constant watch kept on extravagant legislation and a champion of careful and reasonable laws.

The opponent of Mr. Hedges is Mr. George Holcomb, of Multnomah county, who, in 1901, was in the legislature as a Democrat, and who has since that time flopped to the Republican party and induced the representatives of that party in convention to place him upon their ticket for the same office held by him then. He must be a shrewd politician, but we cannot believe that either Democrats or Republicans can place much confidence in him under the circumstances. He was one of the most ardent and strenuous advocates in this state of the Kansas City platform, yet in this limited time he has allied himself with the majority party in Multnomah county, and denied the rightfulness of his position of only three years ago and is seeking office as a candidate of the party farthest removed from the principles he then advocated. He has become a modern politician, and his change must have been with a design to become a regular member of the opposition for the sake of office and political advancement.

Mark the name and vote for J. E. Hedges.

Of no less importance is the election of the other members of the legislative ticket, C. W. Evans, S. Hutchinson and W. W. Jesse. The contention of the Republicans, alluded to above, that our increased taxation is due to legislative action, is an intimation that the Republican leaders in county affairs intend to give the legislative ticket the cold shoulder. Indeed, there is good reason for doing so. Reckless appropriation of public funds affects every individual in the state. The Clackamas county members of the last legislature were good men, considered as men and neighbors, but has any one heard of any vigorous and effective protest on their part against making the appropriations that have so greatly increased our burden of taxation? With the Democrats united against the Republican legislative ticket, and with the county officers laying the blame for our heavy taxes on the shoulders of the legislature, there is no reason why Clackamas county should not be represented in the next legislature by a solid Democratic delegation.

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40 Acres in Julia Ann Lewis Claim, 2 miles from Oregon City, all good, level land, at \$50 per acre.

128 Acres, level, living water, on Molalla, 60 acres in cultivation, rich soil, on main road, \$40 per acre.

344 Acres on O. W. P. & Ry. line, 150 acres in A 1 cultivation, small house, large barn, orchard, living springs, two million feet timber, \$30 per acre.

100 Acres, level, 60 in cultivation, good buildings, 1 1/2 miles from terminus of O. W. P. & Ry. line, at Springwater, \$40 per acre.

82 1-2 Acres in famous Logan country, 60 acres in A 1 cultivation, new frame dwelling cost \$1500, large barn, living water, \$50 per acre.

160-Acre Stock Ranch in Sec. 17, T. 4 S., R. 5 E., two acres cultivated, small house and barn, two million feet fir and cedar, land mostly good, range immense, \$5 per acre.

225 Acres at Logan, 100 acres in cultivation, 50 more nearly ready to break, house, barn, fruit, good neighborhood, \$30 per acre.

80 Acres 4 miles from Oregon City, 2000 cords wood, over-half good land, improved farms on three sides; wood will pay for the place; \$20 per acre. Will trade.

349 Acres, 220 in A 1 cultivation, orchard, buildings, 7 acres hops, 6 miles from Hubbard, \$35 per acre.

90 Acres on main plank road, 45 acres in good cultivation, large frame barn, no house; land rich; \$3000.

41 Acres, 5 miles from Oregon City, 2 miles from New Era, 25 acres in cultivation and in crop, living water, good orchard, buildings only fair; crop and all, \$1500.

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