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Democratic Nominines.

Supreme Judge—Thomas O'Day. Congressman 2d District—Robert M. Veatch.

Dairy and Food Commissioner—S. M. Douglass.

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—O. W. Evans, S. Hutchinson, W. W. Jesse.

For Sheriff—Chas. Ely.

For Clerk—Millard Orisell.

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.

A. M. KIRCHEM, candidate for county surveyor, is a native Oregonian. He has had a great amount of experience in surveying, and is an expert in that work.

The Republican family quarrel in Wisconsin fomented by Spooner causes consternation in administration circles. Unless compromised immediately it will be likely to give the Democrats the governor and some congressmen.

The Austrians must have got a suggestion from the way we so kindly disposed of General Egan. The murderers of the late Austrian king and queen have been banished from the palace and given high positions in the army.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT wants General Horace Porter, our ambassador to France, to run for Governor of New York. Governor Odell seems to second the motion and has gone to Paris to see him. Horace may not think this is a good year.

SINCE General Funston confessed that he did not swim the Rio Grande River, April 26, 1899, but that two other men swam it while he went across on a raft, Kansas has revised her school books and given up her attempt to classify him as an amphibian.

H. W. LANG, candidate for County Recorder, is a wide-awake and popular young man who will fill the office acceptably. He possesses the necessary education, is of a genial disposition, and will prove polite and obliging to all who have occasion to transact official business with him.

Millard Orisell is thoroughly capable of performing the duties of County Clerk, and will make an efficient officer. Do not forget the lax and extravagant methods now employed in that office and vote for a man who will perform his duties faithfully and administer the office economically. Mr. Orisell is such a man.

T. R. A. SELLWOOD is a hustler. The energy he displays in the campaign is native to him and will characterize his official work. He is well-informed on property values, believes in an equitable distribution of the burdens of taxation, is affable and obliging, and will be one of the most popular officers in the court house during the next two years.

THERE are 50,000 anti-imperialists in Massachusetts who demand that the Democratic platform shall offer independence to the Filipinos at some near and specified time. General Miles alleges that Philippines under our protection can equip themselves with a stable Republican government "within two hundred days. This ought to satisfy even Governor Boutwell.

ALONG with strikes, new kinds of breakfast foods, etc., come a new trouble which fortunately will not worry many of us, and that is the threatened diamond famine. The mines of Southern Africa are nearing exhaustion and there is no other source of supply to which the world can turn. The DeBeers Co., which handles 95 per cent of the entire output cannot fill its contract for a supply at St. Louis.

PERHAPS no candidate has proven

more popular than Charles Ely, the Democratic nominee for Sheriff. Mr. Ely is a hard-working young man, a carpenter by trade, and who makes no pretense of having a "sack long enough to win the election." But he has other qualities that are more essential in an office than the possession of a "sack." A vote for Mr. Ely means a saving of money to the taxpayers.

A Government expert after conducting an investigation as to the cause of illness among some trout in the hatchery at Cold Springs, L. I. reports that they have malaria. Here the report ends, but the inquiring mind naturally wonders how they contracted it. Was it from a diet made up too largely of New Jersey mosquitoes recuperating at Long Island, or was it contracted from visiting anglers who failed to provide themselves with the universal microbe killer?

The Republicans are openly charging that A. R. Greene, special agent for the government, who has unearthed the gigantic frauds in our land offices, is in the state as an agent of Secretary Hitchcock, and is endeavoring to defeat Hermann for Congress. We do not believe the charge; but if it be true, all loyal supporters of President Roosevelt will vote against Hermann; for it is well known that the President supported Hitchcock in his fight against Hermann.

THE greatest hypocrite in religious matters is the one who prays the loudest. The soldier who never "smelt powder" is frequently found to be the greatest braggart. The political orator who talks most loudly of patriotism and "old glory" is often the one who is most closely allied with those who are raiding the public treasury and abusing the confidence of the people in enriching themselves and their political friends from the public revenues. Beware of the wolf in sheep's clothing.

ENCOURAGED by the efforts the Government is making to irrigate the arid regions of the West, the River Improvement and Drainage Association of California is preparing to ask for Government aid in reclaiming the vast area of tule land in the Sacramento valley. This land is just as much too wet as other land is too dry, and it will be far more fertile by reason of the great accumulation of decayed vegetable matter in it. The project of reclaiming it is more than ordinarily worthy, and if it is practicable should be carried out.

A GERMAN official demands an explicit definition of the Monroe Doctrine. The Washington Post glibly responds, "That's easy! Thou shalt not steal!" The Post is a vivacious paper, but it indulges in some snide definitions. The inside meaning of the Monroe Doctrine is of course, "Thou shalt not steal anything that I may want to steal." The man had a very accurate idea of the Monroe Doctrine, who, when the minister asked if there was any objection to a couple being married rose and said "I object." "On what ground do you object?" Asked the minister. "I want Hannah myself," said the candid swain.

JOSEPH E. HEDGES, Democratic nominee for joint representative for Multnomah and Clackamas counties, stands for the upbuilding of political integrity, for honesty in public and private life, for "a minimum of a careful and conservative legislation." Mr. Hedges is well known throughout the county as an honest and efficient business man. His training, in school and in his profession has peculiarly fitted him for the position of legislator. He is not a politician, but he has had opportunities to observe the devious paths trod by the political fakir, and will be able to do much toward protecting the people from political graft. A vote for Hedges means a vote for "reforms."

H. G. Starkweather, candidate for County School Superintendent, is probably better fitted by education, training and native ability to satisfactorily perform the duties of that office than any other man in the county. He has been prominently identified with the educational work of the state for many years. He is not only well qualified to do the work that will devolve upon him, but his broad training will enable him to see what is needed for the betterment of educational conditions in the county. At the same time his affable and courteous manner will enable him to enlist the hearty co-operation of teachers, school officers and patrons. Much good will result from his election.

COL BRYAN says "Trusts are to be the paramount issue." A good idea; farmers have discovered that the steel trust has added \$1 to the price of every plow, that the wire trust has put the price so high that he can hardly afford to fence his fields, that the lumber trust has increased by fifty per cent the cost of the barn he builds, that the twine trust is taking robber toll from his wheat crop, and that the labor trust has made help a rare and ruinous delicacy and so on through all the articles he has to buy. But then didn't Mr. Roosevelt in a speech at the New York Wool Exchange in October, 1899, say "Mr. Bryan and

his adherents have appealed to the basest set in the land, the farmers."

JOHN D. ROCKFELLER, Jr., in a recent talk to his bible class said: "Faith gives substance to the religious aspirations of the soul, assuring us that they rest on truth and fact and are not mere castles in the air. The trouble with us men is that they do not have sufficient faith. We should have more faith in God and more faith in our fellow-men. The fact that we all have been deceived at times by people we have placed faith in should not make us lose heart." These are good words, and if they had been uttered by some country minister struggling along on the promise of \$250 per year, they might have found lodgment in some earnest heart. Coming as they do from a man whose family is under preluce more or less justified, they for the most part become as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal.

A BETTER qualified man for county commissioner could scarcely be found than is the Democratic nominee, J. H. Kitching. Republicans and Democrats from the various precincts of the county speak in the highest terms of the impression he makes by his fearless honesty, and his sensible views on the conduct of county affairs. Many Republicans admit that a county court, divided as to the political complexion of its members, will be more circumspect in the conduct of public business than is a "solid" court, and they will back up what they say, by voting for J. H. Kitching for commissioner. The laws of the state do not allow any one party to have all the members of the election board. No one questions the wisdom of this provision. Should not the voters of the county see to it that the board of county commissioners, in whose hands, to so great an extent, lies the financial welfare of the county, also consists of men of different parties?

IT is pleasing to note that such successful efforts are being made in this county to install more farmers' telephone lines. The cost of such lines is comparatively small and there is no reason, whatever, why the patrons should not own their own lines and not be subjected to the high rentals and rates exacted by the Pacific States Telephone Co. The isolation of farmers and especially farmers' wives in the rural districts during the winter months is something that many of us know nothing about, but there are times when the friendly voice of a neighbor, even though it be over the phone, will save a woman from a spell of the blues or a fit of melancholy. It is an established fact that many farmers' wives have given away in health and mind solely on account of the lonely lives many of them are compelled to live.

FOR this reason alone, let the telephone be extended until every home has it. Place it on the list of necessities and then keep it.

LET US CONSIDER FACTS.

Some of the reason why the Republican candidates for the various county offices should not be re-elected have been given in these columns from time to time. A recapitulation of these reasons may not be out of place at this time.

The county court has withheld all appropriations for road work, but at the same time has increased expenditures on the court house and in the conduct of the various offices; it has incurred an outlay of \$3400 for the sake of providing an unnecessary private room in which the County Judge may entertain his friends; it has failed to give to the people of the county, in the publication of the court proceedings, a statement of the articles or services for which county money is expended. Such statement is required by the laws of the state, and need entail no additional cost for printing; yet, in its zeal to keep the people in the dark, such statements have been carefully avoided.

The offices of County Clerk and County Treasurer have, combined, cost the people \$1200 more during the past year, than did the same offices under Democratic rule.

The County Clerk has neglected and refused to make a certified statement of the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, but on the contrary has deliberately crossed out, on the blanks furnished by the state, the printed directions calling for such statement.

The Republican campaign has been based on a statement that the indebtedness of the county is but \$81,000. Yet this report has, as a starting point, the statement, which the County Clerk refuses to certify, that the outstanding warrants amount to \$128,000. The report makes no allowance for any delinquent taxes on the 1904 roll, and it does include \$10,000 of taxes as yet unpaid, but which must be devoted to purposes other than the payment of general warrants. As we said some weeks ago, such a statement may comply with the law, but it is grossly misleading, nevertheless. The true cost of the Clerk's and Sheriff's offices have been grossly underestimated by the incumbents of those offices, as they refuse to count the collection of taxes as a part of such expenses. These are but a few of the many good

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reasons for defeating the Republican ticket. But they show the true nature of the campaign being put up by the ring—a campaign of misrepresentation and abuse. The Democrats have resorted to figures that are certified by the various officers, and that are easily accessible; the Republicans have carved out portions of the year that are not covered exclusively by the reports, and the expenditures of which would require days of hard work to verify. Which party has shown a spirit of fairness?

SHAVERS' BLUFF

Sheriff Shaver is offering a reward to any reputable, representative Democrat who will show from the records of the Sheriff's office that his first year cost within \$350 of what Sheriff Cooke's last year cost. Let it be admitted for the sake of argument, that Cooke's last year did cost \$350 more than Shaver's first. It will be remembered that it was during the last year of Cooke's administration that the great "junk sale" occurred, in which was sold the property charged with delinquent taxes for 1892-3-4 and 7. In addition to the very large amount of work entailed thereby in keeping the records of the office, it required the making out of 613 tax deeds. If Mr. Shaver wished to convince the people of his honesty, why did he not tell the whole truth, and not seek to mislead the public by telling a half truth?

The Courier seeks to make no statement in regard to county expenditures that it has not verified from the records. As it would require several days to find the exact figures for the particular months that Mr. Shaver selects, and as that part is not covered exclusively by official reports, we are not in a position to say whether his statement is correct. But we do know, and can prove by the certified statements of the county officers, that the two offices of Sheriff and Clerk have cost more, by \$1200 for the year ending April 30, 1902. We can also prove from the Journal of County Court, that the estimated expenses for those two offices for the next year, is greater by \$300 than they have been this year.

Since writing the above, we find that Mr. Eby has fully investigated the records for the period mentioned, and states that even with the large amount of extra cost on account of the "junk sale," the cost of the office under Cooke was materially less than it has been under Shaver. Mr. Eby's letter will be found in another column, and the statements therein are to be fully relied on.

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