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### Investigation of Thos. J. Cleeton's Record Being Made--May Renew Fight.

## MALARKEY AFTER THE JOB

### New Obstacle Appears in the Path that Leads To Much Coveted Job--Question of Appointment May be Opened up Anew.

Like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky comes the announcement that Thomas J. Cleeton is to be investigated as to his qualifications for U. S. District Attorney. It was commonly supposed that the plum was his. Now it is in the air.

Cleeton has succeeded in obtaining the unanimous backing of the Oregon delegation, and this is a big lever in his favor, and if nothing detrimental to him is dragged out by the investigation he will be nominated by President Roosevelt and confirmation by the Senate is assured, with a solid delegation making no remonstrance. Cleeton is suitable to both Senators Fulton and Bourne, being a candidate they can agree on, since Cleeton has been of service to each.

It was through Senator Fulton that Cleeton received the nomination for District Attorney for the district embracing Clatsop, Clackamas, Columbia and Washington Counties. Fulton, as political dictator in Clatsop, gave Cleeton the nomination, and this cemented the political friendship between the two. When Bourne was before the people on Statement No. 1, Cleeton was one of the few lawyers who stumped the State with him, so that Bourne is, consequently, under obligations to Cleeton for his assistance. Cleeton is also recommended by W. S. U'Ren, who telegraphed Bourne to support Cleeton when it became evident that Fulton had prevented the confirma-

tion of Chris C. Schuebel for the place.

It is the practice of the Government, at least in recent years, to scrutinize aspirants closely to discover if there is any reason why they should not be appointed. Cleeton is now being made subject to this investigation, and unless the Government finds that he was connected in some way with the land-fraud defendants his chances of appointment are excellent. Cleeton positively declares that his record is an open book, and he has no fears on that score.

Learning that the investigation was in progress, Cleeton appeared at the Federal building Saturday afternoon and had a brief conversation with Heney. He discussed the investigation with Special Inspector Neuhausen, but as the latter is not in charge, Cleeton was turned over to Heney. The prosecutor was then busy making his preparations to leave for San Francisco and referred Cleeton to Tracy Becker. The tenor of Cleeton's conversation was that while he did not expect that the investigation would develop anything that would affect his candidacy, he desired, in case any charge should be filed, that he be granted the opportunity to meet it.

Mr. Schuebel, too, had a short talk with Heney about the time that Cleeton appeared. It is rumored that if Cleeton is given the position he will have Schuebel as his assistant in the office. To this arrangement there ap-

pears to be no objection on the part of Fulton, Hawley and Ellis, and Bourne is favorable to such an understanding.

Among others who held consultations with Heney before he started for California, was State Senator Dan J. Malarkey. At the time Malarkey was an active candidate for the position of United States District Attorney and it was supposed that he had the inside track. As Malarkey was attorney for ex-State Senator George C. Brownell, under indictment in the land cases, his connection eliminated him from the list of eligibles. During the Hall trial, however, it was declared by Heney that the offense for which Brownell was indicted was without foundation, as Brownell's name had been forged in the documents, which resulted in his indictment. The case against Brownell will be dismissed and, according to Heney's showing, Brownell was innocent, this removes the objection which had been raised against Malarkey. Should Cleeton be disqualified, Malarkey may be a possibility again.

During all the delay in appointing his successor, William C. Bristol, the present incumbent, is keeping quiet. Bristol has repeatedly asserted that he would give out no statement until his successor is appointed and he receives official notification of the fact.

Officers Hop and Senior Promenade. The Cadet Officers and the Senior Class of the Hill Military Academy at Portland, gave a very delightful hop at the Academy Armory Friday evening. The affair was largely attended



HARVEY STARKWEATHER, of Oak Grove.

and a most enjoyable time had. The decorations were profuse and unique, and the class quarters and places of rest were kept well filled by their various members. The armory was profusely lighted with varicolored electric lights, which gave a dazzling effect to the grand promenade and whirl of the dance.

Remarkable, isn't it, how the President and Governor Hughes agree with each other?

## POLITICAL POT BEGINS TO BOIL

### PRELIMINARY PLANS LAID FOR COMING BATTLE.

### WILL BANQUET MARCH 5

Precinct Leaders of the Democratic Host Got Together Last Saturday. Enthusiasm Prevailed--Prospective Candidates.

"The bee that has buzzed gently for some days is humming louder with the approach of the April primaries and numerous seekers after the juicy plums are making a last appeal to the oracle to foretell them whether victory or defeat perches on their banner. At this stage of the game the candidate is sure of nothing. After the battle is on he is sure of but one thing--namely, that somehow, in spite of all that may happen, he will be elected. Hope springs eternal, etc., and what would there be to the game, after all, were this dazzling firefly, hope, eliminated. But, defeat indeed there is victory, for who ever saw the beaten candidate who was sorry that he ran. It was worth it all, they invariably say, and this is true. The man who has never run for office has missed an interesting chapter in the book of life, so to it, young man; there is lots to learn in this great big world--even the fellow that knows it all can learn a little more when he gets started on the politics route."

Having delivered himself of this forensic effort, John Cooke, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, informed the well attended assembly of committeemen gathered together last Saturday that they would immediately get down to business. But this was in the forenoon and good Democrats need a few hours to make preparation before getting down to business, so after electing O. D. Eby secretary of the County Central Committee the meeting adjourned until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

At the appointed time business was resumed. The bi-annual banquet being the most important matter to be considered, that subject was brought up. Of course, there would have to be a banquet--it didn't matter whether this was Jeffersonian doctrine or not--a banquet there should be. And why was Mayor Carl cast among us, a dyed-in-the-wool democrat, unless banquets were a part of the plan contemplated in the creation of the Democratic party? Would the far-famed toasts be with us if there were no toasts to be proposed? And so the argument went on for the banquet, with none against, and no one being able to offer a better reason, or rather excuse, for the doctor's being on earth, it was decided that on March the 5th next a banquet should be given, that all Democrats and others for whom there was hope of some day mending their ways, providing they were able to produce the big silver dollar that made a condition precedent to any one's partaking of the feast, be invited, and that A. L. Beattie, H. E. Draper and J. E. Jack constitute a committee to make all preparations and arrangements for the feast.

A county convention was also provided for, to be held in Oregon City March the 5th next, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention, and that delegates to this county convention be elected in primaries ordered to be held in several precincts February 29th. This finished the business of the meeting and after adjournment the general party situation was a subject of conversation in several groups that gathered in different parts of the hall. Nearly every precinct in the county was represented at the meeting. It seemed to be a foregone conclusion that William Jennings Bryan would be the party standard-bearer in the coming battle.

Prospects of possible county candidates were discussed. It seemed to be well settled that Robert Beattie, the present incumbent sheriff, would have no opposition for the Democratic nomination, and it was even hinted that outside opposition to him was only half-hearted and that of the many that had contemplated going out after the office, one after another, after a little preliminary investigation, had apparently dropped out of the game. Robert Snodgrass, Richard Greaves, R. L. Holman and Douglas Dimick, and perhaps more, have been talked of as probable candidates for the nomination. The Republicans feel the necessity of getting a part of their ticket from the country this time and this feature, coupled with the apparent fact that none of the possible candidates seem to be eager to "mix" with Sheriff Beattie, will very probably throw the nomination to Snodgrass.

Assessor Nelson has declared his candidacy for re-election, and there is, as yet, no certain opposition within his own party to his nomination. George Horton, who has served time in the courthouse and afterward was postmaster of Oregon City, is said to want Nelson's berth, however, and Sam Dillman is talked of for the job. Some of those who think it time for the Democrats to have an in-lining in the Assessor's office are talking Charles Risley, of Oak Grove, for the place. Risley has not declared himself as for the place, and it is not known at present whether he seriously considers it. F. W. Greenman, J. W. McAnulty and Ed. Dodman are mentioned as aspirants for the office of County Clerk. Mr. Greenman has already announced his candidacy and he has the decided advantage of being already fortified behind the counter of the Clerk's office.

No Democrat has yet appeared to contest the place with the Republican nominee.

Those named in the running for the Republican nomination for County Commissioner are Counsell, of Harmony; Mattoon, of Viola; Welver, of Sandy; Blair and Thompson of Killin, and Yoder, of Needy. Against the lucky one of these or of others that may appear on the scene, James Smith, of Macksburg, or Charles

Thompson, of Tualatin, may make the fight for the Democrats.

Linn Jones, E. A. Sommer, J. U. Campbell, Frank Jagger, C. H. Dye and Gordon E. Hayes, are said to want to go to the Legislature. Some of them--maybe all of them--will have to stay at home. There is a likely list of Democrats thinking this Legislature matter over: W. E. Carr, W. A. Heylman, of Estacada; Millard Crissell, of Union; Harvey Starkweather, of Oak Grove; Ernest Mass, of West Oregon City. And the polls are not closed--there is yet plenty of time for others to get in the game.

## U'REN THE STEP-FATHER.

### Mrs. Waldo Addresses the Grange on the Initiative.

"Vote no on every measure you do not understand," was the advice given to the members of Salem Grange recently by Mrs. Clara Waldo, grand lecturer of the State Grange. "Study the bills and proposed amendments as much as time and opportunity will permit, and vote for them if you think them meritorious, and against them if they are not; but if you do not understand them, the only safe way is to vote no. We can better afford to wait a while for desirable legislation than to take the chance of adopting blindly something we do not want."

Mrs. Waldo's address was the principal event of the afternoon session of the Grange. In the course of her remarks she took occasion to pay her respects to W. S. U'Ren, whose activity in promoting initiative measures



ROBERT A. MILLER, who will speak at the Democratic Banquet.

she strongly condemned. The proportional representation bill she particularly criticised upon the ground that it provides no modus operandi. Notwithstanding the overburdened condition of the ballot as a result of efforts at direct legislation, she described the initiative and referendum as the "pearl of great price" in popular government, but hoped the voters would show their disapproval of too frequent resort to this method of enacting laws.

Speaking further upon Mr. U'Ren, Mrs. Waldo denied that he is the father of the initiative and referendum. She declared that this amendment was first indorsed by the State Grange and that Mr. U'Ren became interested in it because he was secretary to Seth Llewelling, chairman of the committee to which the matter was referred for investigation and report. She acknowledged however that U'Ren might be a step-father.

## IN AN HOURS TIME

### BAKER CITY HAS A DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO ACTS QUICK.

### Slaps Down the Lid While You Wait.

District Attorney Lomax, on Monday, went Mayor Jones, of Baker City, one better and issued an order closing all gambling immediately. The order was not made public until it appeared in the Evening Herald at 4 o'clock and by 5 o'clock the lid was on tight.

The order of the District Attorney



DR. W. E. CARR, Mayor of Oregon City.

was a great surprise, as it was thought after the order of Mayor Thomas had been given after the Mayor John's closing gambling on March 1.

Attorney Lomax quoted that section of the law which prohibits gambling, and said that the citizens had brought evidence before him that the law was being violated, and unless all gambling ceased immediately, prosecutions would follow. He stated that several citizens had assisted him in securing the evidence, but since the Mayor had given the gamblers until March 1 to vacate they thought it only just that the gamblers should be given a warning and be allowed to remove their paraphernalia.

The lid is on tight, and the people are made that it will not be removed again. The city treasury derived a revenue of about \$10,000 last year from gambling. In making up the budget of expenses for this year the Council figured on a like amount this year, and now the city must draw on its surplus cash to pay current expenses.

## COMMISSIONERS MUST DECIDE

### RAILROAD OFFICIALS AND LUMBERMEN CANNOT COME TO TERMS.

### FATE OF QUESTION HANGS

### President Elliott and Other Railroad Officials Visit Portland and Vicinity and Discuss Many Important Subjects.

The conference held in Seattle last week between President Hill of the Great Northern and President Elliott of the Northern Pacific with President Furth of the Puget Sound National Bank and Frederick Bausman, representing the lumber interests of the Northwest and general commercial interests, at which time it was anticipated some adjustment might be brought about concerning the difference of opinion existing between the lumber manufacturers and the railroads in reference to the advance in the tariff on lumber shipments. It now appears that the meeting was merely a smoker and that the question is now no nearer settlement than before that conference.

In the Northern Pacific party that came to Portland Sunday every branch of railroad management is represented--executive, legal, traffic, operating, passenger and railroad land. The party consisted of the following people:

Howard Elliott, president, St. Paul; Amos T. French, director, New York; H. C. Nutt, general manager Western division, Tacoma; C. A. Clark, treasurer, St. Paul; Henry Blakeley, general Western freight agent, Tacoma; A. M. Cleland, general passenger agent, St. Paul; J. G. Woodworth, traffic manager, St. Paul; B. S. Grosscup, counsel, Tacoma; J. L. Ames, secretary to President Elliott, St. Paul.

President Elliott denies that the increased tariff on lumber imposed by the transcontinental railroads last fall is responsible for the depression in the lumber trade of the Northwest, or that the new rates gives the railroads more than a fair profit. Mr. Elliott attributed the fact that the majority of the mills in this section of the country had been forced to close down to the general dullness of industrial conditions throughout the country, calling attention to the fact that the lumber trade in Minnesota and other Middle Western territory is much quieter than it is in the Pacific Northwest. He frankly admitted that there was no hope of compromise or settlement of the rate controversy between the transportation and lumber interests save through judicial channels; that the whole matter must be determined by the Federal courts and the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the hands of which bodies the fate of the question now rests.

"The railroads," says President Elliott, "have been hauling lumber from the Pacific Northwest at too low a rate, and that is the only reason the advanced tariff schedule was put into effect. The lumber interests of this territory are not so badly off as are those of Minnesota and the neighboring territory. Business is much quieter there than it is here. The new tariff cannot be held responsible for the depression in the lumber business here."

"The public seems to have a wrong impression of this question. There is no hard feeling, no bitterness between the railroads and the lumbermen. Each side understands the other. We have discussed the matter detail by detail and point by point in a perfectly friendly manner, and the whole thing in a nutshell is that there is an honest difference of opinion as to whether the new rate is a just and equitable one. The railroads say it is and the lumbermen declare that it imposes an excessive burden upon them."

The distinguished railroad party



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spent Monday and Tuesday looking about Portland and Wednesday left by boat up the river along the left of way of the North Bank, their train being sent around, meeting the party en route, and an inspection tour was continued over the whole North Bank line, the Walla Walla country extending within the following week through the inland Empire.

Their visit to the Coast is an important one to this section from the fact that three big questions will divide the attention of these officials--the lumber industry, and the rate controversy; another, the settlement of the dispute with the Northern Pacific Terminal Company, and the third question is the arrangement for terminals and connections with the Swift packing plant on the Peninsula.

## Where Flows The Peaceful Clackamas.

A river or a school have often been the cause of disunion between people and often factions and districts, but now it remains for the combina-

tion of river and school to create a sensation and disturbance between the towns of Gladstone and Jennings Lodge that promises to be far-reaching and to say the least interesting.

The residents of Jennings Lodge got out a petition for the formation of a new school district, out of territory composed of the western portion of Gladstone and the southern part of Concord. For several years the Gladstone people have been biding their time until their strength would permit an attempt to have a school of their own, and the effort of the residents of Jennings Lodge to slice a piece off of Gladstone's territory has only precipitated matters.

The petition of Jennings Lodge has about 25 signatures, and in the proposed territory for the new district there are about 37 children of school age. On the other hand there are within the limits of Gladstone proper probably 125 children of school age, guaranteeing them a large graded school. Parkplace schoolhouse is on the opposite side of Clackamas River from Gladstone, and the residents of the latter place argue that the river is the real division line. Parkplace has a fine school, with a complete high school course, offering exceptional advantages to the people of its district and naturally does not desire to lose Gladstone, which would result in a decrease in values of taxable property of the district.

Along with the remonstrance against the proposition of Jennings Lodge comes the petition of the Gladstone people for the establishment of a new



ERNEST MASS, of West Oregon City.

district.

The present schoolhouse in District No. 48 (Parkplace) is situated on the south side of the Clackamas River in an inconvenient location, difficult of access, and at a great distance from a great many of the school population who reside on the north side of the Clackamas river.

## SUPERINTENDENT GARY TO THE CHILDREN.

### Offers Vegetable and Flower Seeds Free to Children--Prizes Given Aways.

Teachers, Pupils and Patrons, Clackamas County Schools.

Dear Friends: Believing that a close sympathy with Nature and a knowledge of her laws are essential to a happy and useful life, and believing that this sympathy and knowledge can best be gained by a close intimacy with the things of Nature, I have arranged with J. J. Butzer, one of Portland's best seed men, to furnish free to the pupils of Clackamas County schools the following vegetable and flower seeds:

Beets, carrots, turnips, rutabagas, cabbages, pumpkins, squashes, asters and sweet peas.

The only requirement is that the pupil shall do his own planting and cultivating.

Mr. Butzer has offered a cash prize of five dollars for the best exhibit of products grown from Butzer's seeds.

The Clatsop County Association has agreed to make one day of Chautauqua "Public School Day," at which time the association will give prizes of ten and five dollars respectively for the first and second best exhibits of cut flowers made by the school districts of Clackamas County. It will also give prizes of five, four, three, two and one dollar for the best individual exhibits of sweet peas grown and exhibited by the pupils of the public schools.

The flowers for the district exhibit may be from any source, but the sweet peas must be grown and exhibited by the pupils.

In connection with the Clackamas County Fair, which will be held sometime in September or October, there will be a Juvenile Fair, for which we want the best products which the boys and girls can produce not only from the seeds which we shall give but from any source.

We want the best school work, the best sewing, baking, manual work, in fact, anything useful that boys and girls can do well.

There will be valuable prizes offered in addition to ones herein mentioned. Almost everywhere I go I find the girls and boys enthusiastic and willing to try, and I feel confident in believing that we will make this Clackamas County's first Juvenile Fair, a great success, and that much good will be accomplished.

Seeds may be obtained from Butzer's seed store in Portland, at my office, or I will send them by mail if you request me to do so.

Very sincerely your friend,  
T. J. GARY.

## THROWN INTO COLD WATER.

### Team Drags the Driver Safely to the Shore.

In crossing the Abiqua River Friday the buggy in which Oscar Dick was driving went into a deep hole. Dick clung to the lines and the team pulled him from the water safely. He had spent the day in Silverton, and when he did not return to his home, about three miles from town, at night, friends became alarmed and instituted a search for him. He was found at the home of W. B. Robbins, unharmed, having started to drive to Marquam, to which place he had to ford the Abiqua.