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MR. GEER DECLINES.

dec de whether he should or should not accept the registership of the Oregon City ing in large numbers. land office tendered him by Senator McBride and Congressmen Tongue and Ellis, Mr. Geer came out in a letter last Friday, declining the honor. The reasons he gave were that he was not a candidate for the office and would have the collector of customs at Portland or nothing, and that he had recommended another person for the

There is every reason to believe that when the appointment was first tendered him that he intended to accept it, but listening displaying a besttancy and vacilation that will prove disasterous to his tuture welfare, has filed his declination with the delegation. the delegation to secure an appointment of to political distinction.

There is a faction in the republican party, backed up by the Oregonian, that is bent on ture, and this gang saw in Mr. Geer a chance to advance their interests by creathe was thoughtless enough to fall into their trap. When this gang had an opportunity to honor Mr. Geer they flatly declined and turned him down with as little compunction as they would the most insignificant man in the party. It is only since the last state election that Mr. Geer was turned down three times in succession by Governor Lord,-when he applied for the superintendency of the penitentiary and the superintendence of the reform school and the clerk of the state land board, neither one of the offices paying a higher salary than \$1,500. Now these same fellows raise a great howl to prevent his taking an office paying \$3,000 per year.

Mr. Geer will one of these days find out how he has been duped and who his friends are.

MR GEER'S MISTAKE

Mr. Geer's assumption that the office of collector of customs gives a man a high political prestige as well as a financial position is hardly borne out by the records of that office. Not a man who has ever held that office has ever been able to go a step higher in politics and each of the former incumbents in the office has gone into an oblivion so complete as to not be heard of after. While the office pays a salary of \$4,500 a year, yet such are the calls upon among the first, to head the list for the hundred and one charitable and public con- dle on the currency, the tariff and the deretributions that are levied upon prominent men in a city while his political assessments are no small drain upon his salary. Being in the maelstrom of Portland politics, it is impossible for the collector to avoid getting mixed up with the various factions, with the result that he usually makes so many enemies that his future political aspirations are forever killed off.

To a man who wishes to guard and build years to come, is sufficient, by reason of they bad done. the low cost of hving in Oregon City and the few demands that are made upon it for charitable and other contributions, to enable a person drawing it to lay aside a handsome The opportunities for political advance- has been very much of a "miscellaneous" ment, a man solding this office has, are candidate in the years past. Hardly a year very great. In Mr. Geer's case, had he has gone by since he entered the political accepted the office, he would have been in arena but he has been a candidate for an close touch with that great class of people whom he represents and to whom be looks for aid in carrying out his political ambitions.

lamette valley.

The day will come when Mr. Geer will see his mistake and that the men now so free

PORTLAND'S INDUSTRIAL FAIR.

Portland's manufacturers' fair opened ing under auspices of a particularly pleasand are still imbued with the idea that this is simply an agricultural community.

realize the tremendous force and magnitin New York World, September 12. tude of this power and that it ranks second | The Astoria News expresses very clearly in the list of developed water-powers on the the unenviable position into which Mr. continent, having had over \$2,000,000 ex- Geer has placed himself, in the following pended in its development; also that one of article: Hon. T. T. Geer, republican presthe largest and most complete paper-mill idential elector, whose name was sent to plants in the United States and the largest the president as the choice of the conelectrical power and lighting plant in gressional delegation for register of the Ore-America are located here. This fair will do gon City land office, has notified the delemuch to enlighten the people of Oregon on gation that if appointed he will decline to this line of manufactures.

our manufactured products now reach an for the position. Every person whose busaggregate of \$42,000,000 each year, and while iness calls him to the land office would the forests of Oregon are practically un- have the utmost confidence in his ability touched, the sale of lumber from our mills and integrity, and he should accept the amounts to \$7,600,000 a year.

mains much to be done in the way of work- There are several reasons why Mr. Geer ing up our raw materials in lumber, hides, should be satisfied with the decision of the etc., turning our meats into canned pro- delegation. It did the best thing it could ducts and drying our fruit in quantities to under existing conditions. It showed no supply our fast increasing mining trade, desire to turn him down. It gave him a In all these lines this fair will give an ob- place that is just as desirable in the eye of ject lesson and stimulate greater activity in the public as the collectorship, and that our manufacturing enterprises.

land have very generously made this exhi-After nearly two weeks spent in trying to bition of our resources free and our people | ical alliances that would disturb his peace should show their appreciation by attend- of mind and employment, and he would

Tongue and Ellis has appointed Hon. Chas. B. Moores of Salem register of the United States land office in this city. No having been paid off, it is hardly probable better appointment could have been made. that the delegation feels under obligations for Mr. Moores is a man of high ability and strict integrity and nothing of a spoilsman. While he has been prominent in the politics of the state, having been a member of the legislature and speaker of the house, he to false friends he was sed to believe that is not of the ward politician class and is the office was beneath his dignity and after not a boss or the petty tool of some faction. His appointment came upon his merits and the fact that it would give satisfaction to a greater number of republicans Mr. Geer has now rendered it impossible for than any other man in this district. It is but natural that the republicans of Clackaany kind for him and he will- have to go to mas county would have preferred that one may learn later that this is a dangerous the bottom and begin his climb over again of our men should have been honored by thing to do. appointment to this office, but tactional dissentions had forfeited all their rights and the best way out of it was for the delegation rule or ruin, as was demonstrated when to do as they did, and give the office to an they made an alliance with the populists outside man, with the hopes that the lesast winter to hold up the Oregon legisla- son would be heeded and that the republicans of Clackamas county would hereafter lay aside their differences and rivalries and ing dissentions in the republican party and work together for the good of the state and of their party.

> Nor since the Simon-U'Ren hold-up in the legislature last winter, has there been such harmony and close fellowship between the Oregonian and the democratic and populist papers of the state as there is now. These worthy papers have been greatly distressed over the manner in which Mr. Geer has been treated by the congressional delegation, and so profound has been their grief and sympathy that it has taken columns of their space to give expression to their feelings. As an evidence of the close friendship that has now come to exist between these erstwhile enemies, the Oregonian in republishing the comments of the state press upon Mr. Geer, almost invariably selects democratic or populist papers to clip from. But then birds of feather flock together.

THE Southwest Oregon Reporter is the name of the latest aspirant for journalistic honors at the hands of a patient and longsuffering public. It is published at Langlois, Curry county, and edited by J. H. Upton, "the gentleman from Coos and Curry," who made himself so conspicuous in shouting for economy during the sessions of the legislature of 1894, and then went home by way of San Francisco, collecting \$600 mileage from the taxpayers of the the man drawing it, that at the end of the state. Mr. Upton is evidently trimming year but little of it is left. By reason of his sails so as to get back into the legislathis large salary the collector is called upon, ture for another haul. The first issue of the Reporter is filled with populistic twadlictions of office holders generally.

THE sneering remarks that Mr. Geer and his supposed friends have made about the insignificance of the Oregon City land office, is somewhat of a reflection upon the standing of the men who have held this important office and upon those who were applicants for it before the recent appointment was made. The men who have held up his political and financial standing, the this office were as honorable and as faithful land office in this city offers one of the best and able party workers as Mr. Geer and opportunities of any in the state. The their appointment to this office was consalary of \$3,000 per year, which the office sidered a just recognition of their standing ourselves except 600 lbs. packed by Indians has always paid and which it will pay for in the party and a recompense for the work

MR. GEER is very much insulted that he should be classed as a "miscellaneous" candidate in his annual effort to secure an ofcompetence at the close of his term of office. fice. The facts in the case are that Mr.Geer elective or appointive office.

No man has the right to dictate to a con- and 50 pounds of rice for \$4 and 7 sacks of He would have had no entangling factions to vention or a delegation what office shall be flour for \$78. Have to ford numerous ice- Write JOHN WEDDERBURN &

the governor's chair or some other equally kind and is only permitted in organizations two days on the summit it being too Oregon City Enterprise. the governor's chair or some other equally kind and is only permitted in organizations two days on the summit it being too high position would have been far better like Tammany. In a state like Oregon stormy to move. We worked early and than they would have been had he left his this assumption of dictatorial power is en- late and it is the hardest month's work I congressional district and severed his con- tirely out of place and among republicans ever did; the boys are all gritty and grit is

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

in their encouragement in the position he tween 1896 and 1897 and the years of our one, 4 miles from here; expect to start on more to their selfish interests than to his resonant with denunciations of the wicked men who would not issue all the greenbacks which a suffering people demanded. John Sherman was denounced on all hands, Wednesday evening in the Exposition build- central reservoir of coin could protect us ing and promising nature. This fair will to specie payments in 1879. The farmer prove an object lesson to the people of the was at his worst, ruined, destroyed, eaten state and full of surprises of great value. up by taxes and usury. Down almost to Many of our people have no idea as to the the very day of resumption the croaking growth of our manufacturing industries came with dismal and damnable iteration.

When the 1st of January came no crowds thronged the sub-treasury corridors. Most people know the falls of the Hardly a greenback was presented and we Willamette at this city are capable of oper- got back to the currency of the world withating a large amount of machinery, while out a movement or a jar, From that but few even of our own citizens seem to moment prosperity began."-Speaker Reed

serve. Mr. Geer has made a mistake in This fair will also show our people that taking such a step. He is well qualified place, or declining, gracefully retire from With this magnificent showing there re- the fight for the Portland collectorship. will serve his political ambition far better. The citizens and business men of Port- In the land office he would be free from Successors to W. H. Cooke. many embarrassing and entangling politonly come in contact with the sturdy men with whom he has been associated all his The president upon the recommendation life. Again, we are informed that when of Senator McBride and Congressmen Mr. Geer took the stump for the republican party last November he did so for a stipulated compensation for his services; and to tender him an appointment promised to another. It is plain those who are eager to have him decline are not his friends, nor the friends of the delegation, and they care not what becomes of Mr. Geer if they can use him to embarrass the delegation. They are simply using him for a tool, and his honest nature as a trap for his undoing. Because he is in a formidable position as a presidential elector, they have singled him out as the proper person to defy, gracefully

> The republican press of the state, other than the Oregonian and its small coterie of satellites all united in depricating Mr.Geer's course in his efforts to secure a federal appointment. The following from the Pendteton Republican is a sample of what the republican papers of Oregon have to say of the Geer-Oregonian flasco:

"As to the Oregonian's charge that Mr. Geer has been turned down by the so-called Mitchell-McBride combination, we should like to have that paper inform its readers why Mr. Geer was not taken care of by the Simon push when they practically dictated every office in the state-controlled the conventions and named the nominees? Mr. Geer is no new arrival. He is a native son Portland, - - - Oregon. of Oregon and after years of splendid work on the stump it was left to the so-called Mitchell-McBride combination to recognize his valuable services and give hin a place on the state ticket. The second time he is recognized we find that it is by the same Mitchell-McBride combination. If Mr. Geer is such an ideal man as the Oregonian seems to have so lately discovered him to be, it is quite strange that Joe Simon and the Oregonian did not give him a boost long ago. The fact of the matter is that it is anything to make trouble and there is a good deal of groping in the dark for a tangible excuse to stir up a hornet's nest.

As an exchange recently remarked in commenting on the appointment of Mr. Geer, "in view of the fact that he is in opposition to the dominent wing of the party in Oregon, his treatment by the delegation has been, not only very just but very generous. It demonstrates that the congressional delegation is for the party before individual, by recommending for a lucrative office a man who is doubtless opposed to the OUTLOOK gives a compact review of the re-election of any one of the present congressional delegation "

ON THE ROAD TO YUKON.

LARE LINDERMAN, ALASKA, Sept. 7, '97. It is now a month since we left the steamer at Dyea. We have been here three days and have a boat partly built. Have a dry day for a change and the goldhunters are drying blankets, clothing and various eatables. It is an Indian summer day. Sawpits and and reasonable entertainment. boat building is going on on every hand, rushing together all kinds of small craft for the paper will assume the regular magathe 570 miles of lakes and rivers to the zine size, which will add greatly to its Klondike. From the steamer we hired a hoat and took the outfit of 2800 pounds 41/2 Outlook is published every Saturdaymiles for \$13-then packed it to the summit a mile over steep part of summit for \$35. Ferrying over Crater Lake 23/2 miles cost \$18 over Long Lake 134 miles cost \$20, over Deep Lake 11/4 miles for \$10, so our packing with a large number of pictures. has cost us about \$100 in cash so far. We packed 75 pounds or more at the start increasing to 160 pounds and Fairclough a cent a day, sometimes took 150 pounds. The trail is rough, rocky, steep and muddy and we are thankful that we are over the worst part of our journey. We had a lot of stuff tipped out into Dyea river but recovered all but a sack of beans. We bought a sack of beans embarrass him, and his chances of attaining given him. It is bossism of the rankest cold streams on the trail. We lost part of and its

nection with the great counties of the Wil- never has been and never will be tolerated. needed and a great deal of patience as well. Collins has overworked himself somewhat. He and Fairclough and our St. Jo friend What a striking resemblance there is be- are building the boat which will be a good has taken, are false friends who are looking | Lord 1878 and 1879! In 1878 the air was | Sept. 10th and get to Dawson City | Sept. 25 if we have fair sailing. Hundreds are leaving the Skaguay trail and coming over this route but it is getting late and we fear a thousand men will have to winter on the Samuel J. Tilden declared that only a vast lakes which will soon freeze. Spring is the best time and go as far as Lake Bennet or against the failure of the proposed return further with sleds. All are well, have big appetites and good spirits. We expect a monthly letter mail.

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