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THE NEW ASSESSOR

James F. Nelson, Assessor Elect
On Monday, Takes His Office
HE IS A STAUNCH REPUBLICAN.
One of Clackamas County's Sub-titular Men Well Qualified to Perform Duties of Office.

James F. Nelson, the subject of this sketch, was born at Springfield, Illinois, April 12th, 1850. He was the oldest of three children, two of whom were boys. When Mr. Nelson had reached his second year, his parents removed to a little town in Wisconsin called Baraboo. Here he was raised and in this little town he worked his father's farm attending school at intervals when the weather was so inclement as to render outdoor manual labor impossible. Young Nelson remained on his father's farm for twelve years when the war fever seized him and he left the farm to go to the army. He was always ardently fond of horses and he thought to get a place as cavalryman but he was kept with his father's farm, so in the year of 1864 he applied to the third Wisconsin cavalry for enlistment. His disservice being attained, he bought his own horse with his own money earned on his father's farm, and immediately began to take an active part in the war. At this period in Mr. Nelson's life, he was but fifteen years of age and he would naturally think a lad of his tender years incapable of meeting the grave exigencies of war. Such, however, was not the case. He encountered much active warfare, for he had a man's courage and did a man's work. Never in the entire year spent in the services of Uncle Sam, was he inattentive to duty or neglectful of his tasks. The



third Wisconsin cavalry, to which he belonged, engaged in many conflicts and fought against some of the most desperate characters of the southern army, two of whom were General Quantrell and General Price, who were engaged by the southern officials to do bush-whacker work and operate in Missouri and Kansas. These two desperate characters, who never had the courage to stand in open battle and give and take like men, but who had to hide behind trees and brush for protection, gave Young Nelson and his brave comrades many spirited engagements. The notorious James boys were with these two bush-whackers, but Mr. Nelson does not remember of ever meeting them or knowing them, as they never fought in an open engagement. After devoting a year of his life to active service in behalf of his country, the subject of this sketch, when the war was over and "Johnnie came marching home," returned to his old home at Baraboo and resumed his studies in the Baraboo high school. Here he remained for several years taking a thorough course in mathematics, philosophy, civics and literature and when through graduated with honors and among the best in his class. But in this thickly populated region where people had lived for so many years, there was afforded the ambitious youth very meager opportunity for advancement, and still fewer opportunities for money making. So Mr. Nelson having arrived at the age of his majority, began to look for broader fields, and having read much about the rich valleys and vast facilities of the Pacific coast, started westward in 1870 and came to Silverton, Oregon. He had not lived in Silverton long when he became acquainted with Mr. John M. Wolfard, who kept a grocery store. Mr. Wolfard needed a good reliable clerk about this time to take charge of the grocery business and in the store Mr. Nelson secured employment as clerk. He worked faithfully here for five years, but storekeeping was too confining for one of Mr. Nelson's temperament, he wanted more freedom, so he came to Clackamas county and purchased a 70 acre farm at Molalla, which he has owned ever since. Here he has lived off and on for over twenty years, grubbing stumps and doing whatever his hands found to do. In politics Mr. Nelson has always been a true blue republican. His first vote was for U. S. Grant for president of the United States, and ever since that time he has adhered strictly to party principle and upheld the party which he thought most represented the interests of the common laboring man. Under John Bradley and Eli Williams he acted as deputy assessor for Clackamas county and his work in this capacity is on record and will speak for itself. Last spring the republican party of Clackamas county fitted to make James Nelson their candidate for county assessor. The office was sought by him, but a candidate was needed at just that time in which the people had confidence and in him his friends found a man whom they thought could defeat any candidate that the fusionists could name. Their confidence in him was

HERMANN TO GO

Trouble With Hitchcock Comes to a Head.
HIS RESIGNATION WAS OFFERED
Blamed for Loose Management of Land Office. Failed to Discover Fraud of Two of His Clerks.

Ringer Hermann has finally been forced out of the general land office. At a recent conference with Secretary Hitchcock it was strongly intimated to the commissioner that his resignation would be acceptable and Hermann has decided to comply with the wish of his superior and resign, to take effect February 1, when he will probably be succeeded by his assistant, William A. Richards, of Wyoming. The resignation has not yet been tendered but will be forthcoming in a short time. This is the culmination of a long and persistent fight made on Hermann by the Secretary for the past two years. There has always been a tension between the two officials, which, on several occasions, threatened to force Hermann out of office. In 1900 it was believed that Hermann was to be forced out of office by Hitchcock, because of his disagreement with the Secretary. The latter intimated to the President that a change could be made and Commissioner Hermann, dissatisfied with his position under the conditions, told the President he would like to transfer to another office. President McKinley offered to appoint him civil service commissioner, but that office was not to his liking and was declined. While McKinley was looking for some other place for Hermann, the relations between commissioner and secretary became severely strained and Hermann finally told McKinley that if some satisfactory office could not be found for him before the ensuing Oregon election, he would voluntarily retire in June. Then followed the tragedy at Buffalo. As soon as the new administration was again formed, Secretary Hitchcock again brought pressure to bear to force Hermann's retirement. But with the Oregon elections approaching, President Roosevelt concluded that it would be unwise to permit the change, and nothing was done.

HERMANN TELLS REASONS.
Commissioner Hermann, when seen, said: "For the past year it has been my intention to withdraw from the land office. When I so stated to President McKinley, he required me to remain. When acquainted with the situation here, he desired to find another place for me, but until that was found, he wanted no change to take place. I have now concluded, as the year is drawing to a close, that I would formally submit my resignation to the President, so as to give him an appointment and confirmation of a successor before the expiration of this Congress. I made known this intention to the Secretary some time ago, and he has understood that I would resign about the first of February. While I know nothing about it, I would not be surprised if my assistant, Governor Richards, was appointed to succeed. He would make a worthy and capable official. "I will go back to Oregon before long and resume my law practice. So far I have kept aloof from the senatorial fight and do not care to discuss future movements at this time." Commissioner Hermann has held office for nearly six years, having been appointed March 27, 1897. His term is longer than that of all predecessors, save two. Under both administrations he has been highly regarded at the White House, particularly by President McKinley. His relations with President Roosevelt have been most cordial. The President only recently complimented him on the manner in which he has carried on his campaign against stockmen who have unlawfully fenced in large areas of the public domain.

Weather Report.
The following data, covering a period of 30 years, have been compiled from the weather bureau records at Portland, Or., for the month of January.
TEMPERATURE.
Mean or normal temperature, 39 deg. The warmest month was that of 1900, with an average of 44 deg. The coldest month was that of 1888, with an average of 29 deg. The highest temperature was 62 deg. on the 15th, 1888. The lowest temperature was -2 deg. on the 15th, 1888. Average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, Nov. 15. Average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, March 17.
PRECIPITATION
(Rain and melted snow.)
Average for the month, 6.70 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 19. The greatest monthly precipitation was 13.71 inches in 1885. The least monthly precipitation was 2.12 inch in 1893. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 6.86 inches on the 5th & 6th, 1883. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 9.0 inches on 24, 1890.
CLOUDS AND WEATHER.
Average number of clear days, 5; partly cloudy days, 7; cloudy days, 19.
WIND.
The prevailing winds have been from the south. The highest velocity of the wind was 53 miles, from the south, on the 9th, 1890. Station: Portland, Oregon. Date of issue: Dec. 26, 1902. Temporarily in charge. A. B. VOLLMER.

Notice.
To all whom it may concern, Know ye that the County Court of the County of Clackamas and State of Oregon did, on the 10th day of December, 1902, grant the petition of William Forsythe Snodgrass that his name be changed to William Franklin Stuart. Published by order of Thos. F. Ryan, Judge of said Court
U'REN & SCHUEBEL,
Attorneys for Petitioner.

Dislocated Her Shoulder.
Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by G. A. Harding.

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