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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Representatives:

C. G. Huntley, Oregon City.

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J. N. Bramhall, Bull Run.

Commissioner—T. B. Killin, Killin.

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Recorder—Henry E. Stevens, Milwaukie.

Assessor—J. F. Nelson, Mulino.

Surveyor—John W. Meldrum, Oregon City.

A CONFESSION of its own weakness—the Clackamas county Democratic convention.

An exchange suggests that partnership between Mr. Wash of the Dallas Itemizer and Mr. Bath of the Hillsboro Independent ought to make a clean paper.

VIRGIL CARTER, of Soap Creek, has been nominated for representative by the Republicans of Benton county. If elected, he should make a clean legislator.

With the exception of perhaps one nomination, the ticket nominated by the minority party Saturday, was the weakest ever named by the Democrats of Clackamas county.

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In 1840 the total value of American exports was \$125,668,000, or \$7.25 per capita. For the fiscal year ending June 30 last the total was \$1,392,231,000, or \$17 per capita. The population has increased 470 per cent. The average American is a better wealth producer than his father or grandfather.

It was right that there should be no opposition to the renomination of "Uncle" Enos Cahill for county treasurer. There will be practically the same lack of opposition to his re-election. The record of the expense of this department shows that Mr. Cahill has employed none of his relatives or any one's else relatives in his office except at such times as additional clerical aid was absolutely required. The result is that the cost to the county of conducting its treasury department has been greatly reduced under Mr. Cahill's administration.

THERE are two widows of Revolutionary soldiers living. One of these is Rebecca Mayo, now over ninety years old, who resides at New Bern, Va. Stephen Mayo, her husband, had four terms of service in the Revolution, and fought at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. She married him in 1834, when he was seventy-seven years of age. The other surviving widow is Ester S. Duncan, of Plymouth Union, Vt. The committee on Pensions of the United States House of Representatives has reported in favor of granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Mayo.

If any doubts reasonably existed as to the re-election of the entire Republican ticket, all uncertainties in this relation were positively removed as the result of the Democratic convention. It was a half-hearted, didn't give a care, sort of a political convention and nominations were bestowed upon whomever would accept the honor. In fact in some instances the convention took advantage of non-attendants and named them for places on the ticket without the knowledge that the nominations would be accepted. But then a stagger had to be made at nominating a ticket.

To a disinterested observer, it seems that the Democratic convention last Saturday devoted entirely too much time to a settlement of the controversy as to whether or not W. R. Hearst should be endorsed for President. As a matter of fact it was not material whether Hearst, Parker or Cleveland was endorsed. There is not a Democrat in the country that could be nominated and elected to the presidency at this time. When the returns are in next November, it will be found that Teddy Roosevelt has been retained at Washington by the largest popular vote that was ever given a presidential candidate.

In striking contrast was the Democratic convention of last Saturday with that of the Republican convention which preceded it a few days. The Republican convention was a harmonious gathering by which the business was expeditiously transacted without a murmur of dissent. The Democratic convention was a carnival of miscellaneous nominations and wholesale denunciations and was marked throughout with a general feeling of disagreement. With such an organization with no well-defined programme of action, Democratic hopes of displacing any of the present Clackamas county officers must necessarily be remote.

PROBABLY never before in a Clackamas county political convention did county officers, candidates for a second term, receive the flattering endorsement at the hands of the delegates, that was extended to the present county officers at the county convention last week. As the name of each candidate was presented, there followed a regular chorus of seconding speeches, representing every section of the county. With such a unanimity of feeling in the convention, representative of the entire county, no fear may be entertained for the success of any part of the ticket at the election in June. It will simply be a clean sweep, with possibly increased majorities.

A MIS-STATEMENT of actual facts is contained in the brief platform that was adopted by the Clackamas county Democratic convention last Saturday. It was all right for the minority party to charge the Republicans with everything, but in doing so some effort should be made to employ reliable statistics. The platform declares that the Republicans are responsible for increasing the indebtedness of the county in the last ten or twelve years from \$10,000 to \$200,000. As a matter of fact, the indebtedness of this county has never been \$200,000 or any sum anywhere near that amount nor will it ever be that much. At least be reasonable, Democrats, and do not handle the truth and cold facts in the careless manner that you have begun.

TON B. KILLIN, who was nominated for commissioner by the Republicans, will have the distinction of being the only Republican county commissioner in the history of the county to succeed himself. We say succeed himself for in this instance the nomination of Mr. Killin is equivalent to his re-election for a second term. This is a distinction, well deserved by Mr. Killin, who has never failed to attend the meetings of the county court, except when by sickness prevented. He has always taken an active interest in the business of the county and when a subscription paper was recently started in his community for the improving of a stretch of road, he headed the list with a substantial cash subscription. Mr. Killin shares with the other members of the court and the present regime of county officers the credit for reducing the indebtedness of the county from \$180,000 to about \$81,000 besides wiping out a road debt of \$37,000. In the face of these facts the retention of Mr. Killin as a member of the county court is assured.

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WITHOUT any attempt to unduly flatter him, County Superintendent of Schools Zinsler may feel proud of the practically unanimous endorsement he received for renomination. The opposition to Mr. Zinsler presented to the convention the name of Prof. A. T. Winches, of Caulier, an aggressive young educator who has met with much success in his profession. But the delegates, at the stage of the convention when the superintendent was nominated, were not disposed to depart from the precedent they had established in renominating the entire county ticket. Superintendent Zinsler has worked faithfully and untiringly during his first term for improving the standard of the schools of Clackamas county. It would be a mistake not to retain him for another term. In another four years Superintendent Zinsler will have an opportunity to still further advance the standard of the schools of Clackamas county and accomplish a corresponding improvement in the quality of their work. Any doubt as to his re-election was removed when he received the nomination.

IT is now observed that some of the greater financiers of New York look upon the payment of \$50,000,000 for the Panama canal as a most wise and profitable expenditure, speaking of it outside of any relation the canal may have to the future commerce of the Pacific. They have no doubt that the beginning of work upon this canal under the American flag will tend instantly to stimulate business throughout the United States. They are confident that even the preparatory work necessary before actual digging is begun will furnish a most healthful stimulus, and that the very railroads whose managers a few years ago were apprehensive lest the Isthmian canal would prove a harmful competitor will speedily feel in their own transportation business the effect of this gigantic work at Panama. With the threatened Panama difficulties removed, the feeling now is that the country may reasonably look for industrial and agricultural activity, perhaps as great as that which prevailed during the Presidential year of 1900. At present there is nothing but continued prosperity in sight for the country.

IS CRIME INCREASING?

Few social questions are asked more frequently than, what is the increase of crime? The national Census Bureau is seeking an answer to this inquiry. It is undertaking to secure a record of all the persons who are sentenced to the various jails, penitentiaries and other prisons in the United States during the year 1904.

The wardens of the state prisons and the sheriffs of the counties are being requested to act as special agents to report certain facts concerning every person delivered into their custody. Some counties have not been heard from. In some perhaps there are no jails, in others perhaps the local jails are no longer used, in still others the sheriffs have possibly neglected the matter. But the records of the Census Bureau and the resulting statistics will not be complete until all are heard from, and it is hoped that the pressure of other business will not cause the sheriff of any county to block this most important inquiry.

IRRIGATION WORK IN OREGON.

Extracts From A Bulletin Issued By The Census Bureau.

The United States Census Bureau has given out a preliminary statement concerning irrigation in Oregon in 1902. The statistics are for the different sources of water supply in the principal drainage basins.

In the state in 1902, the number of farms was reported 5,132, with an irrigated area of 43,981 acres, an increase since 1890 of 61,671 acres, or 13.3 per cent for the three years. The per cent of increase for the ten years from 1880 to 1890 was 118.2. In 1902, 2,555 irrigation systems were in operation, representing a total construction cost of \$2,089,000, an average of \$818 per system and \$4.75 per irrigated acre. The total length of main canals and ditches was 3,033 miles, an average of 1.4 miles per system. The increase in cost since 1890 is \$245,822, or 13.3 per cent.

The aggregate number of acres irrigated by the 2,417 systems receiving water from streams was 428,925, belonging to 4,978 farms. The average cost per acre was \$4.81.

Rogue River Drainage Basin.—The three forks of this river, known as the North, Middle and South, rise on the western slope of the Cascade Mountains in the northeastern angle of Jackson county. The main stream flows westward, making three large deflections in its course, and enters the Pacific at Gold Beach, 200 miles from its source. Two-thirds of the irrigated area in this drainage basin lies along the three tributaries, Illinois River and Bear and Applegate creeks. In 1902, water from all sources in this basin irrigated 13,900 acres, belonging to 686 farms. The average cost per irrigated acre was \$10.59, while the total initial cost of the 374 systems was \$447,223. There were 426 miles of main canals and ditches. Applegate creek and its tributaries furnished water through 88 systems to 4,239 acres on 186 farms at an average first cost of \$14.23. The 153 miles of main canals and ditches, with dams, head-gates, etc., cost \$61,235. Bear creek and tributaries irrigated 2,902 acres at an average cost of \$7.20, and the Illinois river, 2,801 acres, at \$9.00.

Klamath River Drainage Basin.—Just east of the Cascade range in Southern Oregon is an area of about 5,000 square miles drained by Klamath river and its tributaries. The whole of Upper and half of Lower Klamath lakes cover nearly 150 miles of this surface. The principal Oregon tributary of Klamath river is Sprague river, which joins Williamson's river to form the main stream about three miles east of Upper Klamath lake. Very little irrigation is developed from the main stream, most of the irrigated area in this basin being drawn from various small tributaries, entering either the main stream or Klamath Lake. In 1902, the different sources of water were drawn upon by 66 systems. There were 28,344 acres on 161 farms irrigated, at an average cost of \$8.67. The total cost of construction was \$239,010, and the combined length of canals and ditches was 172 miles. Sprague river alone furnished water to 3,600 acres on 25 farms. The 18 systems cost \$26,560, an average of \$7.20 per acre. There were 39 miles of canals and ditches.

Testimony of a Minister.

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The state of Oregon owns and operates the largest fish hatchery in the world. It is located at Ontario, Malheur County, on the Snake river, and is now turning out its first batch of young salmon.

About 25,000 young Royal Chinook salmon, or sixteen times as many as are annually caught in the Columbia river, will be turned loose at Ontario this spring. The fish are now scarcely more than inch long. They will grow down the Snake and Columbia rivers and out into the Pacific ocean, where they will grow to maturity. Four or five years hence many of them will return weighing on an average of thirty pounds each and worth to the fisherman 5 cents a pound. If only one out of every twenty returns, the hatchery will more than keep up the supply of salmon.

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