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WHY HERMANN WILL WIN.

Whether Republican or Democrat, whether favoring or opposed to the election of Binger Hermann to Congress, few doubt that Monday will decide the issue on the side of the man of long experience in public affairs. The fight against him has not been well maintained. The attack has been for the most part, directed against his early public career. But the voters in half a dozen campaigns subsequent to these alleged shortcomings, declined to render a verdict against Mr. Hermann, and returned him repeatedly to an office of honor and great responsibility. If the people with those charges fresh in their minds, weighed the man and found him not wanting, it is idle to suppose that time would add gravity to the offense, or cause the people to reconsider their verdict. One trial—once in jeopardy—one verdict—is the spirit of Americanism.

The man is charged with having sought office some thirty years ago, independent of his party nomination. For this alleged deviation from party rules, Republicans are asked to cast a ballot against him, and for his democratic opponent. They are called upon to emulate his example—to desert their party nominee. Truly "consistency is a jewel" but what shall we call such gross inconsistency as this. How may we condemn the act in Mr. Hermann, and in the same moment imitate it?

But this is a day of organization. Parties are merely the result of organized effort. The party's purpose is to bring into practice principles of government held in common by a majority of its members. In state affairs men are nothing more than exponents of party theories.

Because a large majority of the voters in the First Congressional District believe that the Republican Party has shown itself the most capable of conducting the affairs of the nation, the Republican nominee will be elected. It takes broad minded men to rise above the spirit of personal feeling, and to direct their efforts in behalf of the general good. Broad minded men, however, make up the citizenship of the nation.

The Republican party wages its National war at primaries and conventions. Before the enemy it is a united army. Disappointment awaits those who hope to attain victory through feuds and faction strife within the Republican party.

CITIES ARE BUILT BY MEN.

Friday Milwaukee commences life under her re-generation. She now has a corporate existence and along with her neighbors and competitors has an opportunity to grow. The little town has slumbered a long time, but this is no reason why she should not become a lively city. Cities are not God's handiwork—men build them. Where enterprising and ambitious men congregate they invariably leave to prosperity a monument of their industry. Milwaukee at present is looked on as a suburb of Portland, but it is a mistake to suppose that she may not become a thriving city because of her proximity to Portland. Oakland is only across the bay from San Francisco, St. Paul is but a few minutes ride from Minneapolis, yet these cities grow into magnificence right at the door of their mighty competitors.

Let the citizens of Milwaukee remain loyal to the interests of their city, let them remember that their own interests are coupled with those of their home town, let them next remember that their own advantages are coupled closely with those of their own county, and working in this spirit much may be accomplished this side the Multnomah line.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD.

Saturday is Memorial Day. With the blossoming of the flowers comes the natural impulse to strew these emblems of fond remembrance over the resting places of those who have fallen in life's battle. On this day the memory of departed loved ones lingers with us, and we pay a tribute of honor and reverence to our Nations loyal dead.

When a country forgets to honor her soldiers, her armies are destined to go down to defeat. When the graves of those who followed the flag lie neglected a people's military spirit is broken. But in honoring those who have preserved our country and our liberty, we build ramparts of loyalty and battlements of patriotism that defy the mightiest armies of the World.

The ranks of the army that fought and bled for us are broken. One by one those drop away whom saber and bullet have spared. The faithful close in and march on Memorial Day to where their comrades lie to there pay a fitting tribute to the memory of the men who obeyed duty's call to arms, in defence of the country they loved so well.

The Milwaukee Improvement Association is working along the right line. A few citizens usually carry the burden of stimulating the growth of a locality or city. Success follows in the wake of organized and well directed effort. There is a big field of operation for the association and it will not want for work to keep it busy. There will always be Ishmaelites with a hand against every body and every thing—search your heart to make sure you are not one. If an anti-improvement association comes along don't become a member before you are aware of it.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holder, of Currinsville, are attending the state grange.

Judge Gordon E. Hayes will deliver the Memorial Day address at Hubbard Saturday.

Sheriff Shaver has secured a supply of bicycle tags and wheelmen are reminded that licenses are due.

P. G. Kester, who for some time past occupied part of the Prof. Gray house, moved to Sellwood Thursday.

Miss Grace Tillard, of Heppner, arrived last week for a week's visit with Miss Alice Lewthwaite, of this city.

H. D. Mount, of Silverton, was in the city Tuesday, visiting his son, D. Hugh Mount. He filed on a homestead and a timber claim.

Norwood Chaman has accepted a position with Charles Robinson, a civil engineer with the Southern Pacific Company, and will leave for California soon.

Mrs. D. D. Shindler and son, who have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Norris in this city for some time past, will leave Friday for their home in San Francisco.

Field Superintendent J. Nelson Wisner, of the United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries, has received orders to leave on the Fish Commission's steamer Albatross June 13, for a two or three month's cruise in Alaskan waters. He is the representative of the division of fish culture, on the Alaskan Salmon Commission, of which Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford University, is the executive head.

Lamont-Fouts.

The marriage of Mr. Alexander Brown Lamont to Miss Lydia Elizabeth Fouts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Wygant Fouts, will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents in this city on Thursday morning, June 18, 1903, at 11 o'clock.

Reception to Major Clark.

The reception to Major William Hancock Clark, a grandson of Clark of Lewis and Clark fame, will be tendered by the Lewis and Clark Women's Club of this city in the Willamette Hall tomorrow night from 8 to 10.30 o'clock. Major Clark and Mrs. Clark will arrive in this city today and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dye while here. The reception will be open to the general public. Short speeches will be made and musical selections will be rendered.

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS.

The use of water for lawn, garden and street sprinkling, for the season of 1903 will be governed by the rules in force last season. Consumers are required to pay EXTRA CHARGE for such use, during the first ten days in June. By order of the BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS. June 11.

NASTY STORY OUT

PORTLAND CONTRACTORS TRIED TO BOODLE FROM CITY.

Made Proposition to Oregon City Bidders On Sewer to Combine to Rob Taxpayers—Proposals Were Indignantly Spurned.

A nasty story is in circulation concerning the bids of the sewer in District No. 8, the contract for which was let about a week ago to E. W. Riner, of Portland, for \$15,239.44. The charge is not against Riner alone but it is stated openly that all the Portland bidders tried to form a pool with the bidders from this city to put the price for the construction of the sewer at \$31,000. This bid was to have been made by the Jacobson-Bade Company, of Portland. The other bidders were to receive \$500 each and their respective bids were to be higher than \$21,000.

The proposition came from the Portland men, E. W. Riner, Jacobson-Bade Company and Smyth & Howard. Their representative came to Howell & Bittner, Lyons & Gadke and Baker & Mihilstin, and offered them \$500 each to go into a pool to fleece the city. The local men indignantly spurned the proposal. The Portland contractors represented to them that the method of procedure in such instances was not unusual, that in fact it was the ordinary course to take. But it did not go and as a consequence the pool could not be formed and the contract went to Riner, who was the lowest bidder.

This story has every appearance of truth and is a pretty tale. It places the Portland contractors in an unenviable light. If this is the way they do business they will certainly bear watching. If any man or any set of men will try to force a combination to rob a municipality of five or six thousand it is reasonable to suppose that when they have work to do they will do it unfairly if they are not closely watched.

No particular credit is due to the Oregon City men for exposing the Portland contractors. It is their duty as citizens to give the matter all the publicity possible. The Record considers it the duty of every reputable newspaper, having the interests of the city at heart, to let the general public know just what kind of men have been dealing with Oregon City. Boodle is a velvet word to use in connection with this nefarious attempt to rob the taxpayers.

COMING BASEBALL.

Slight Change Made in Schedule of Interstate League.

Two games between the Oregon City team and the Schillers', of Portland, have been transposed. The schedule was made up to play the teams at Portland Decoration Day and at Oregon City the following. This has been altered and the teams will play here Decoration Day. The game will be called at 3.30 P. M., or one hour later than is usual. The Sunday game will be played in Portland.

A game has been arranged for Sunday at Canemah Park. The teamsters of the city will play a team made up from the clerks and barbers.

Rough Rider Fined.

F. A. Woodside, of Liberal, was fined \$20 in the recorder's Court yesterday afternoon for firing a revolver within the limits of the city. He came into the city the day President Roosevelt was here and drank too much poor whiskey, becoming excitable. The next day he was riding on Seventh street and discharged his revolver. The police telephoned out to Liberal and Woodside came in, pleaded guilty and paid his fine without a murmur. When Recorder Curry asked him if he was sober, he said: "If I had been sober I would have had more common sense than to fire the gun off, because I knew it was a violation of the city ordinance."

Articles of incorporation of the Cliffside Endeavor Society of Bullrun, have been filed in the office of the county clerk. The object of the society is the promotion and interest of Christian religion. The incorporators are the trustees of the society: W. G. Calvin, Harry McOugin and Charles Leaf.

Robert Schneble, of Carus, attended the State Grange Tuesday and subscribed for the Record, Clackamas County's live twice-a-week newspaper.

Dead Sea Evaporation.
Scientific observation justifies the estimate that a daily average of 6,500,000 tons of water is received into the Dead Sea from the Jordan and other sources during the year. During the rainy season, says the Chicago Record-Herald the amount is very much greater; during the dry season it is of course very much less, but this average will be maintained year after year. There is no outlet, and the level is kept down by evaporation only, which is very rapid because of the intense heat, the dry atmosphere and the dry winds which are constantly blowing down the gorges between the mountains. This evaporation causes a haze or mist to hang over the lake at all times, and when it is more rapid than usual heavy clouds form and thunderstorms sometimes rage with great violence in the pocket between the cliffs even in the dry season. A flood of rain often falls upon the surface of the sea when the sun is shining, and the atmosphere is as dry as a bone half a mile from the shore. The mountains around the Dead Sea are rarely seen with distinctness because of this haze.

The Rattlesnake's Rattle.
The utility of the rattle to the rattlesnake is a problem still awaiting solution. It has been supposed to be useful as paralyzing its prey through terror excited by the sound thus induced. But this is a very doubtful explanation. It is akin to the notion formerly entertained that serpents had a power of fascinating other creatures. Others have thought that it seems to excite the curiosity of animals and so brings them within the rattlesnake's reach. It has also been supposed that it serves, as it may do, to enable snakes of different sexes to find each other and also to guard the animal from attack when it is helpless from its power of offense having been temporarily exhausted. No sufficient evidence has, however, been collected to show that any of these ingenious speculations affords us a real clue to the true cause of such a curious and elaborate mechanism.—Quarterly Review.

Definition of Felicity.
A Baptist minister tells the following story:

"A friend of mine, who is quite a scholar, once accepted an invitation to preach at a country church in the south, and, as was his custom, he used very learned language. After the service the pastor of the church said that he felt sure the members of the congregation did not understand the sermon. 'Nonsense!' replied my friend. 'I am sure there was nothing in my sermon which they could not comprehend.' 'Well,' said the pastor, 'I will call one of them in and see if he understands the meaning of the word "felicity." So he called in a laboring man and said, 'John, can you tell me what is the meaning of the word "felicity"?' 'Well, I don't know, sir,' said John, 'but I believe it is some part of the inside of a pig.'"

The Zest of Hunting.
You can never know the zest of hunting or fishing until your dinner depends upon your success; you have never attained the sublime in cooking until you have spitted your fish or meat on a freshly peeled stick, rubbed the salt in with your fingers and broiled it over a woodland fire, you watching it jealously lest it get ablaze, and all the time that meat is browning you get hungrier and hungrier, and every time it sputters in the glow you catch wafts of fragrance until you feel that you have the capacity of a dozen starving men and wonder whether a single haunch of venison can supply your wants.

Incredible.
An Irish harvester found himself in a small Scottish town. At the gasworks he saw a gasometer for the first time in his life and stopped a countryman who was passing to ask, "What's that big round thing there standing on end?" The Scotchman scratched his head and replied, "A ginn ken." "Get out with you," said the Irishman; "you never saw a dinner can as big as that in your life."

What Caused the Indigestion.
"Mollie Brown has a model husband." "In what way?" "Whenever he doesn't eat anything she asks him if the cooking isn't as good as his mother's." "And what does he say?" "He says he has no doubt it is, but that his indigestion has quite unfitted him to be a competent judge."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sizes of the Planets.
An ingenious way of comparing the sizes of planets with the sun is suggested by a writer in the bulletin of the French Astronomical society. Let the earth, he says, be represented by a 20 franc piece, then Venus is 15 francs; Mars, 2; Mercury, 7; Uranus, 280; Neptune, 320; Saturn, 1,840; Jupiter, 6,800, and the sun 6,780,000.

As Good as Broken.
"We might as well consider our engagement as broken, Reginald." "I don't see why. Your father said postponed."

George's Kind Permission.
"Mary," her father called downstairs, "just ask your young man if he doesn't think it's pretty near bedtime." "Yes, papa," replied the sweet girl, after a pause. "George says if you're sleepy, go to bed by all means."—Tolledo Bee.

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