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THE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.

The most vital question before the people of Oregon today, in connection with the work of the forthcoming session of the legislature, is: who should be our next United States senator?

There are only a few more days in which to solve this problem, so fraught with momentous considerations to the people of one of the greatest states of the West—of the Union, in fact.

The New Age will adhere strictly to the proposition that the solution of this matter should be religiously, in harmony with the common interests of the masses, and, therefore, in sympathy with the chief interests of the state. The political element of the question should be secondary, as far as may be made so in the matter of representation in the great legislative body of the United States.

First of all, we want a stalwart Republican of character and ability, not only representative of the tenets of the particular party to which he belongs, but identified in spirit and effort with the great commercial and industrial interests of Oregon.

We want a man whose business experience and influence will enable him to accomplish much for the people whose commonwealth is now budding so promisingly into the grandeur of ambitious statehood.

We want a man of irreproachable character personally, and one whose interests are common with those whom he will be chosen to represent at the nation's capital.

We want a man who stands aloof from and above the petty politics of factions, and who is broad enough and big enough to defend the interests of all alike, irrespective of party and party shisms.

We want a man free from the clash of personal antagonisms and the trifling quarrels among men.

We want a man of brains, of correct ideas, of force and of keen foresight—a man who knows the needs of the state and has the courage to protect and advance them.

We want a man, in short, who will stand as a poet of the leading statesmen of the nation—one who may easily and swiftly gather about him the influences necessary to a successful career in the greatest body of political legislators on earth.

By extended experience, by extensive investigations, by conscientious study of the great issues before the public and a carefully guarded knowledge of the trend of popular sentiment, we find such a man in the person of Hon. H. W. Corbett, who by right of impartial choice should today be representing us in the halls of the senate.

Mr. Corbett, as a pioneer business man, has aided largely and with a strong hand to guide the ship of state, until Oregon stands today a "bright, particular star" in the galaxy of states. Perhaps no other person in Oregon, engaged in commercial pursuits, has done so much in advancing the business interests of its people. The fact that he has grown rich at his several responsible employments, by dint of hard work and well directed application to his business, has created in narrow minds a degree of prejudice from which emanates the trifling opposition to his candidacy now; but that fact, on the contrary, should be regarded as a merited need of praise in his behalf, for who would choose a man to do business for the public who had signally failed in accomplishing business for himself?

Mr. Corbett is known as a sturdy, stalwart character, not only in Oregon, but throughout the whole United States. In political life, as in his commercial strifes, he has been incorruptible. Always with sound opinions in matters of public importance, he has also always been foremost in supporting and defending the honor of the nation and the integrity of his party. He has for years held the sincerest esteem of the thinking masses, who today have nothing but approving words

of his public and private course, both in politics and business, for a period of more than a quarter of a century.

As the New Age has before had occasion to remark, Hon. H. W. Corbett is at this time first in the hearts of the best people of the state and first in the minds of the leaders of Oregon's legislative body as a legislative candidate for the United States senate. It would, in reality, be a public calamity to allow any narrow minded influence at this time to embarrass the certainty of his election.

A Business Institution.

Of course a bank is a business institution, but the First National Bank of Pendleton, is eminently so, because of the leading part it has taken in the development of that vast region of rich resources. Its capital stock, together with the character of the men who control it, is a guaranty of the substantiality of the bank. Its stockholders and officers are leading business men of the Inland Empire, and are foremost in the work essential to its commercial growth. Among them is Cashier C. B. Wade, than whom no one is better known by those who cause the great fields of that region to produce the golden harvest of grain for those who work them. Behind it are such men as Hon. Levi Ankeny and Mr. W. F. Matlock, whose business credit covers the field from ocean to ocean and from the gulf to the Northwest territory. The First National Bank of Pendleton is one of the solid concerns of the Pacific coast.

The Pendleton Savings Bank.

For 11 years this popular banking institution has been a prominent factor in the upbuilding and permanent growth of the great region of abundant resources tributary to Pendleton. It transacts an immense business. Its officers are among the foremost business men of the state. Hon. W. J. Furnish, its president was recently chosen a presidential elector for Oregon, and a rumor is current that he may be selected as messenger to carry the vote of the state back to the electoral college at Washington for McKinley. Mr. Furnish made a vigorous and effective canvass during the recent campaign. He is a strong Republican and worthy man, and enjoys the utmost confidence of those with whom he ever transacted business. Mr. T. J. Morris, the cashier, is known among all the business men of the Inland Empire and highly esteemed by all.

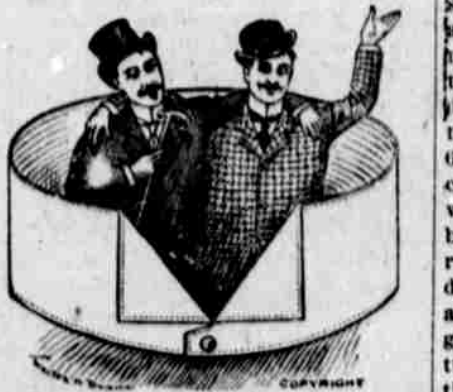
TUSKEGEE NOTES.

Tuskegee's exhibit at the Alabama state fair received a gold medal, which is the highest character of reward given by the officers of the fair.

The endowment fund of the institution now amounts to \$184,050. Principal Washington is at the north endeavoring to raise the necessary amount to reach the \$500,000 mark, which he desires.

A Northern lady sent Principal Washington a check this week for \$4,000 with which to build the much needed hospital.

Cyrus Campfield,
December, 8, 1900.



On the inside.

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The Clearing House for Carelessness

The people of the United States are getting more careless. The report of the superintendent of the dead letter office makes that point clear. During the last fiscal year ending June 30 they made 10 per cent more mistakes in directing and mailing their letters and packages than in the year before. Altogether there were no less than 7,533,158 mistakes handled by the dead letter clerks during the twelve months covered by the report. During the year ending June 30, 1899, the total number was 6,855,983.

Of the more than seven and a half million pieces of mail matter received at the dead letter office during the last year 5,392,800 were what the experts call "ordinary unclaimed letters." An "unclaimed letter" is one which for some reason does not reach the person for whom it is intended. The reasons why letters do not reach the person for whom they are intended are various. The person to whom a letter is addressed may have moved away, leaving no new address behind him, or he may be dead, in which case the correspondent cannot be properly blamed for carelessness. On the other hand, there were handled during the year 22,703 letters and packages which were misdirected by the senders. No less than 61,638 letters and parcels were put in the mail boxes, properly stamped, but without addresses of any kind on the wrappers. People seem to be more careless about addressing packages than letters, for of the total found with blank envelopes or wrappers 32,000 were parcels. Stranger still, no less than 15,000 letters were found inclosing money in different amounts and with perfectly blank envelopes.

Another thing which sends many letters and parcels to the dead letter office is the custom of mailing matter to people in care of a hotel at which they may be temporarily stopping. When the letter arrives the person to whom it is addressed has moved on to some other town and has neglected to leave any directions for forwarding his mail. Last year 268,367 letters originally sent to hotels came back to the dead letter office.

Other people insist on putting letters and packages into the mails, properly addressed, perhaps, but without a cent of postage prepaid. They go to add to the long list of 144,000 pieces of mail matter held during the last year for postage.

Even the fact that a man has gone to the trouble and expense of having a letter or package registered does not always prevent him from misdirecting it or making it impossible in some other way to deliver it. Thus during the year there were 10,100 registered letters and parcels sent to the dead letter office for one cause or another. Still more remarkable is the fact that young men and women who have reached such a stage in affairs of the heart that an interchange of photographs seems necessary are also careless in sending their pictures on tender missions. The dead letter office accumulated during the year a choice collection of nearly 60,000 photographs, many of them accompanied by honeyed messages. By way of stilling anxious hearts it should be stated without delay that no letter is read in the dead letter office if the address of the sender can be obtained in any other way and that of the photographs received 43,000 were safely returned to the owners before the close of the year.

Another class which contributes largely to the receipts of the dead letter office is made up of people who fail to read the postal regulations before putting their letters and packages in the mails. Thus glass bottles and similar articles are often deposited in the mails, most of which get to the dead letter office sooner or later. Sometimes, too, articles are mailed which are above the weight limit of mailable parcels. Altogether more than 16,000 packages coming under these heads were sent to the dead letter bureau during the year.

A few more than 97,000 letters and packages are recorded on the lists of the dead letter office as having been originally mailed to "fictitious addresses."

A ridiculous and yet extremely annoying class of mistakes grows out of the custom of giving a homeaddress or country residence a fancy name, as, for instance, "Maple Glen" or "Moss Rose Villa." People writing to the owners of such places seem to often get the idea that the fancy name of the residence will do as a postoffice address, and thousands of letters come in directed to "Mr. John Jones, Cool Vale Villa," and similar absurdities. Sometimes these fancy names resemble the names of postoffices in different parts of the country, and as a result the unfortunate letters sometimes go from State to State in vain search of the proper man. As the result of long experience with this class of misdirected letters the postoffice authorities have compiled a list of more than 100,000 fancy names of the kind, accompanied with the proper names and addresses of the people who are responsible for them. By reference to this list it is often possible to identify the persons for whom such letters are intended.

Almost all the matter which comes to the dead letter office, provided it contains anything of value, is either or

later delivered either to the people for whom it was intended or to the original senders. Thus during the year there were restored to the owners 30,000 letters containing checks, drafts, notes, money orders, etc., to the total value of \$1,065,520. Cash, in coin and currency, to the amount of \$30,900 was found in 29,000 letters and sent back to the people who originally mailed it. Nearly 170,000 letters containing postage stamps were returned to owners who found themselves better off to the extent of \$9,500 because of the care of the dead letter office.

Whenever it is possible to get the name and address of the sender mail matter which reaches the dead letter office is sent back without being opened. That the precaution of printing or writing a return request on the envelope is not generally followed, at least by people whose letters reach this office, is shown by the fact that it was possible to send back without opening only 17,000 out of more than 5,000,000 "unclaimed letters." At the same time the experts were able without opening the letters to study out and correct the addresses of 65,000 misdirected letters so that they were finally delivered to the persons for whom they were intended.

It was found necessary by the office to open more than 6,075,000 pieces of mail matter in order to get any clue to its destination or origin. Of this great number the proper addresses for nearly 2,000,000 pieces were secured by reading and the matter sent promptly to the proper parties. In the same way proper directions were found for mailing 41,000 important letters containing deeds, bonds and other valuable papers. About 7,000 letters and packages were returned after being opened to the people who originally mailed them. The dead letter office experts have found by experience that it is usually women who fail to sign their full names or to date their letters. A man, as a rule, writes his name out in full, but many women, particularly when writing to intimate friends, sign simply "Annie" or "Bess," as the case may be. After letters and packages have been opened and every attempt has been made in vain to find the name and address of either the senders or of the persons for whom they are intended they are wrapped up, if they contain anything of value, and placed on file subject to reclamation at any time during the next three years. To the files of the previous two years 124,000 pieces were added during the twelve-month ending June 30.

The mail matter containing nothing of value and which cannot in any way be identified is destroyed. Altogether 4,300,000 pieces were thus given to the flames during the year.

After unclaimed pieces of mail matter containing property of value have been kept on file for three years they are put up and sold at auction. The proceeds of the auction held this year were \$3,027. In addition the dead letter office has another source of income in the money and stamps found in the mails with nothing to give any clue to their rightful owners. Nearly \$11,500 was found loose in the mails during the last year.

The "Good Mother" Often Bad. The so-called "good mother" is too frequently really a bad one. She makes of her children monsters of selfishness, and never ends her voluntary slavery to them. So far as she is concerned, as a mother finds her chief joy in being "trophied on" by her boys and girls, no one need complain; but the trouble is, it ruins the children. They grow up into selfish, ill-bred, dictatorial men and women, without self-control, discipline of mind or body, and utterly ignorant of that flower of courtesy which each human being should wear forever, fresh and fadeless, making the wearersome places of human life endurable by its charm. The most beautiful girl in the world, if she thinks of herself alone, and shows it by bad manners, can appeal only to few.—Woman's Home Companion.

Properties of Sulphate of Quinine. Sulphate of quinine has some very curious properties, one of them being its power to impress an image of itself on a sheet of sensitive paper in the dark. If a design be drawn on a sheet of paper with sulphate of quinine, exposed for a few minutes to the sun, then placed on a sheet of sensitive paper, put in a book and left for a few hours, a perfect image of the drawing will be found impressed on the sheet of paper. Writing may be copied on sensitive paper in this way, but it must be reversed, or the writing will be reversed on the sensitive paper.

Thirty Miles of Railroad Bridges. The Siberian railway will cross altogether thirty miles of bridges, and of these the line to Irkutsk required a large number, including such important ones as those over the Irtysh at Omsk, 700 yards; over the Ob at Krivoshevo, 840 yards; over the Yenisei at Krasnoyarsk, 930 yards, and over the Uda at Nijni Udinsk, 350 yards.

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