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DEMOCRATIC REORGANIZATION.

Judging from the manner in which Oregon Democracy has announced itself to be in readiness for the campaign now practically begun, it may be assumed that the old stage coach days in Webfoot politics have returned. We have neither Nesmith to tell stories, nor Whittaker to philosophize; but we have Penroyer left.

It is proclaimed, however, that the Democrats of Oregon have received new life from a strange source. A New England brand of virus has been injected into the veins and a New England style of game may be expected.

In the first place, the Democrats of Oregon are reported to have discovered that the Republicans of Oregon are a very corrupt set of sovereigns and that that period in the course of human events has come when it is necessary to the well being of the people of this banner state of the Union to withdraw from the several combinations now charged with so many sins and form one of their own.

The credit for this discovery should be given to Judge O'Day. He and Colonel Pat Powers have been making a little political exploration of their own and have found out that reorganization and reform are absolutely necessary. Hence, Democracy will appear in a new summer bonnet this winter, although the date of its reappearance has not yet been positively made known.

Day by day the political lines are being drawn more tightly in all the parties which intend to take a serious interest in the campaign now on in this state for the election next spring. That the interest among the leaders of all the factions is becoming intense cannot longer be overlooked. Multnomah county's autocrats in state politics have already found it necessary to modify their program very materially and, in some respects, have begun to show plainly their distress over the fact that well-developed plans in other sections of Oregon, now rapidly maturing, will necessarily have to be regarded with more deference than has heretofore been shown them or there will be serious disorders in the vitals of the organization. This observation applies as well to the Democrats as to the Republicans. The "country districts" will, in short, take an important part in the current campaign when they shall have been fully booted and spurred for the work.

The appointment of Professor Robert H. Terrell and Hon. E. M. Hewlett to judgeships in Washington City, D. C., by President Roosevelt, the positions being under civil service regulations and therefore for life, is a manifestation of respect for ability and good character, regardless of race, color or "previous condition of servitude." Professor Terrell is a well known educator and a lawyer of much ability. Hon. E. M. Hewlett is a distinguished attorney who has long enjoyed professional success in Washington City. There were many applicants for these positions, but the president yielded to the demand for the selection of these colored members of the profession and there is no doubt that his confidence in them is well placed. They have long been eminent in their profession in Washington and are regarded as most honorable men in every walk of life.

Now that the office of county auditor is elective, made so by the last legislature, Captain W. H. Pope, the efficient incumbent, is being urged by his friends to accept the nomination for another term of service in that capacity. Captain Pope, who is well known throughout the county as a popular party man and a most patriotic and exemplary citizen, would certainly be a strong man to

name for the place. He is thoroughly familiar with the work of his office. It is important that it be done promptly and properly, as Captain Pope is now doing it. He has done much work in the official departments of Multnomah county's business. A more competent man could not be named. His nomination would add strength to the ticket.

The name of Ralph R. Duniway is prominently mentioned in connection with the nomination for the city attorneyship. Mr. Duniway is a popular lawyer and it is generally conceded that no attorney in the city is more familiar with municipal law and the business of such corporations than is Attorney Duniway. He is popular in the profession and a strong party man.

Hon. J. M. Church, a prominent business man and politician of La Grande, is in the city. Mr. Church is president of the State League of Republican Clubs. Business in connection with their meeting in January, or their purpose to meet at that time, as usual, will consume a part of the time of Mr. Church's visit to Portland.

Lot G. Swetland, chief deputy in the county clerk's office, was on Wednesday appointed to the clerkship, the vacancy having occurred by the death of Hanley H. Holmes last week. Clerk Swetland is thoroughly familiar with the work of the office in which he is now the principal.

Seattle enterprise has reached the limit of criminal connivance to overthrow "his majesty's" government in the Northwest Territory and establish a gold nugget republic, with Dawson as the great capital of the stolen province. Seattle is a very enterprising community.

You can't lessen the possibility of war by inventing big guns. When the spears and arrows gave way to rifles, war was supposed to be impossible; but it wasn't. Men are being killed in war, just the same, every day.

The appointment of the several committees to promote the 1905 fair in Portland shows that the good work is progressing rapidly toward the conclusion of the preliminary task for that great exposition.

Notwithstanding the fact that their marriage licenses were issued between Clerk Holmes's death and the appointment of Clerk Swetland, several persons are out on honeymoon parties, just the same.

Lord Rosebery wants to try the experiment of having England governed by business men. But where are the business men who are willing to give up their time to such a trivial matter.

It cost the people of New York \$700,000 to defeat Croker; but even that sum is small compared with what it would have cost them had they defeated the other man.

Russell Sage says there is going to be further trouble in financial circles. Uncle Russ must know of a few more blocks of stock that he wants at a bargain.

Altogether it will take the court of inquiry about six months to find out what Admiral Schley did in about two hours.

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Now that Queen Victoria is dead, the Emperor of Austria, who was 71 years old on August 18, is the sovereign who has had the longest reign in Europe at



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Child Held for Board.

Little 4-year-old Edna Wallig has been in pawn in New York for \$25 board, which her mother could not pay. When Mrs. Wallig separated from her husband last July she arranged with her friend, Mrs. Mary Brushard, to care for the child. Mrs. Wallig agreed to pay \$3 a week. She was able to meet the payments regularly until about two months ago, when she became ill, and could not do all the work required of her. The \$3 a week went unpaid until it had grown to be a debt of \$25.

The mother wanted the child and promised to pay the \$25 in installments. But Mrs. Brushard refused. She declared she would keep the child till the money was paid in full. Magistrate Lemon was affected by the pitiful story and advised the mother to get out a habeas corpus writ for possession of her little girl.

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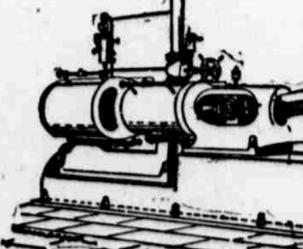
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