

JOB LOOKS GOOD

Many Aspirants for Office of State Treasurer.

SCRAMBLE WILL BE LIVELY

Candidates Get Their Booms in Order, While J. H. Aitkin, of Huntington, Comes Out Openly and Says He Wants Place.

A fat job in the state government, fatter even than that of State Printer in some estimates, will be the office of the next State Treasurer, who, though put on a flat annual salary of \$6000 by the Legislature at the last session, will continue to draw princely interest on deposits of state moneys.

And for the job of State Treasurer there promises to be a lively scramble like that for Secretary of State in time past, and for State Printer, already applicants for the job are looming up against the political sky, though only one—J. H. Aitkin, banker-merchant of Huntington—has proclaimed himself a candidate.

It is my judgment that the arrest of the seven boys from Arieta, of ages ranging from 10 to 13, on a criminal charge and their arraignment before Justice Waldemar Seton in the East Side Justice Court, without a scintilla of evidence against them, last Friday afternoon, merits the severest condemnation, and that public sentiment should be so aroused against such proceedings that it cannot occur again.

As a prelude to his regular sermon yesterday morning in the Second Baptist Church, East Side, Rev. S. C. Lapham spoke in the most caustic language of the arrest of these boys and their arraignment, together with a dozen or more witnesses of the same age, on charge of trespass on the premises of E. F. Cannon, who has a home in the Arieta district. Continuing, Mr. Lapham said:

"My attention was called to this case through the press of this city, which published the names of these boys as arrested for crime, and by personal representation, and it seems to me that this is a most extraordinary and unusual case. At the trial in Justice Seton's court it was shown, through the ingenuity of D. J. Maloney, that there was not a scintilla of evidence against any of the boys, and yet they were brought into a court of justice. What are the facts? Mr. Cannon's property had been defaced. He employed one Otto Prag to break into the case, with the result that one Westcomb Clock, a bright little fellow of 18 years, was dragged from the public school by Prag without authority, and after parading with him through the streets of Portland, Prag took him into the private office of Mr. Cannon and there frightened him into an admission that he crawled through a window of the house; also that he had the name of the other boys. All this time the Clock boy was not even under arrest."

At the cross-examination of the man Prag brought out that Mayor Williams removed his star as a special policeman for his outrageous conduct while arresting these boys.

"In after years the time may come when these seven boys, although discharged, will be asked if they ever were arrested on a criminal charge, and they will have to answer yes. Has it come to pass that we must safeguard our homes against the courts?"

"The office of Secretary of State, after F. J. Dunbar shall have finished his present term, will be cut down to a flat salary of \$6000 a year from several times that sum—just how much there is no public record. Consequently the Secretary of State's office is to be a much leaner prize hereafter, and quite naturally a number of gentlemen who long have had their eyes centered on it have changed their gaze to that of State Treasurer."

Leaders of the club are eager for the hosts to know that their organization has an individual existence, separate and apart from the Young Men's Republican Club and the "New Deal" contingent and the Matthews-Carter, and quite naturally headed by Harry Woodward, president; Willis Fisher, vice-president; Charles E. Lockwood, treasurer, and Ralph W. Hoyt, secretary.

"The objects of this organization," says its constitution, "shall be to aid and assist in securing and maintaining harmony and unity in the Republican party in this city, county and state."

"New Deal" Republicans have appointed tonight for holding ward meetings over the city to discuss candidates for Councilmen and their ward and precinct forces. The heaviest fight that inferior grade aspirants may win seats in the Council, unless they bring out the best, because the best are shy to enter the contest.

DRIVEN TO SUICIDE

Fear of Tuberculosis Causes Self Destruction.

PIONEER'S SON THE VICTIM

Realizing Death From Consumption Was Near, E. F. Capps Draws Revolver From Beneath Pillow and Kills Himself.

Realizing that he had only a few more days to live and that his case was hopeless, E. F. Capps, who was in the last stages of tuberculosis, yesterday afternoon ended his sufferings by shooting himself through the heart at his residence on the corner of Brooklyn and East Fourteenth streets. The deceased was about 47 years of age. He killed himself at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

He left a wife and five children, all of whom reside in or near Portland with the exception of Walter Capps, who lives in San Francisco. He is expected to arrive in Portland today. One of his sons, Will Capps, is a farmer in Clackamas County and another of his sons, Arthur Capps, is employed at the Troy Laundry in this city. The other two children, Josephine and Albert, go to school in Portland.

When Capps committed suicide his wife was in the next room. She had no idea that he premeditated taking his own life. He was confined to his bed and she had stepped into the next room to procure medicine for him when she heard the shot. She returned to find him dead, the shot having penetrated the heart. The revolver which he used was of 38-caliber. For years he had been in the habit of keeping this weapon under his pillow and even when he was seriously ill insisted upon keeping it with him. The bullet made a mortal wound in his left breast and death was instantaneous.

The deceased is a son of the former Isaac Capps, one of the old pioneers of Clackamas County, who came to Oregon about 50 years ago. He was born and raised on the farm of his father near Clackamas Station. He left his family well provided for, as he owned very valuable farming land in Clackamas County. His wife also owns property in her own name.

One of Fourteen Children. Capps was one of a family of 14 children, 12 of whom have succumbed to the dread white plague of consumption. He lived to reach the highest age of any of those who were afflicted. The only survivor of the family is Dr. William Capps, who is a physician practicing in San Francisco. So far he has not been attacked by the disease. Dr. Capps, when he saw his brothers and sisters being taken down by the disease one after another, decided to become a doctor, hoping that in this way he might escape. So far he has succeeded. One of the peculiar features connected with this case is that the deceased was not even under attack by tuberculosis. Since then he has been traveling from one part of the country to the other with the hope of finding a climate that would look after him. About a month ago he gave up all hope and came from Arizona to Portland to die. His death was expected at almost any hour.

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