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A STATE senator and two representatives are to be elected in Benton county at the coming election. Have you a choice?

Did you notice that advertisement of "Proposals for Railroad Ties?" It means that the extension of the west side on to Junction from this city is a thing of the near future.

The phonograph is expected to do some wonderful things, but when it is made to preach a preacher's funeral sermon with his own voice and language it has entered a domain in which it will never be popular.

HURRAH for the Southern Pacific! Hooryay for Corvallis, the board of trade—and the west side. It will not be many months before the Pullmans will be going through this city from San Francisco to Portland and vice versa. Let 'em roll.

A NEW after-effect of la grippe has made its appearance in Europe. The patient sinks into a lethargic sleep from which all efforts to awaken him are vain. The old world doctors are much puzzled over this new consequence of the disease.

It ought to be laid down in law that no person is eligible to holding a city, county, or state office, who cannot do his own work or keep his own books. There are some instances where persons not able to do such have been nominated and elected.

It is whispered that Albert Pygal is a "dark horse" for the nomination of sheriff on the republican ticket. He is young, energetic, and capable to hold just such a position. He was for a number of years marshal of Corvallis. Here's luck to you, Al.

ALBANY papers, have you heard from the Southern Pacific company concerning the "west side" extension of their road? If you have don't say anything because, you know, it wouldn't do, you know, to give Corvallis anything in the way of a favorable comment, you know.

The republican state central committee, at its meeting on the 5th inst., in Portland, recommended that all primaries be held on Saturday, April 5th, 1890, and the county conventions on Wednesday, April 9th, unless otherwise ordered by the proper county central committee.

To the partisan cry of the democratic editors that "the farmers of the west are all bankrupt," and that "farms are mortgaged for more than they are worth," the Chicago Inter-Ocean retorts that "farmers are not mortgaged half as deeply as three-fourths of the newspapers making the out-cry."

CONGRESS has a bill before it to remodel the face of the silver dollar with a view to its artistic improvement. The bill should pass. The eagle on the dollar has always been an abomination. It looks as though it had spent its days in a dime museum and just had been awakened by a blow on the back with a stuffed club.—San Jose Mercury.

A EUGENE paper says the name of R. S. Bean is mentioned as a probable candidate for judge of the supreme court, on the republican state ticket. Corvallis has a man, in the person of Hon. John Kelsay, who would fill the position as supreme judge most admirably, and it is hoped he will be called upon to accept the nomination. He is a staunch republican, an early pioneer of Oregon, an able lawyer, and is deserving of the office.

ABOUT as able and honorable a man as there is in Benton county is W. E. Yates, the present superintendent of the Corvallis public schools. Although not a professed lawyer it is understood that he is well read in Blackstone and other legal authorities and, taking things into consideration, it would be well for the county republican convention to consider his name as a nominee for county judge on their ticket. Whether Mr. Yates would accept such a position has not yet been ascertained, but a no more capable person for the place can be selected.

"EXTRAVAGANCE" IN COUNTY AFFAIRS.

A prominent republican of Benton county not long since, made the remark that "the main issue in the coming election would be that of economy in the government of our county's affairs." There need be very little attention given to such a remark for it is plain to be seen that he alluded to the new court house building, hinting, of course, that great extravagance was shown in its erection. Only one of the three members composing the county court, at the time the project of the new edifice was being discussed and who finally ordered its construction, is now holding office—the present judge; two new commissioners having been elected in 1888. As the judge, E. Holgate, is a democrat, one would naturally construe the above remark of the prominent republican in a manner something like this: As the country vote was opposed to the extravagance so will they be opposed to the re-election of Holgate, and thus will a republican be chosen, and so on.

It is to be hoped that in the coming county republican convention there will be enough intelligent ones among the delegates to nominate a candidate for county judge who will in the fulfillment of his official duties, if elected, do equally as well in the future as Judge Holgate has in the past. Wherein there is room to complain of a too free use of money in conducting the governmental affairs of Benton county for the past few years, most people of common sense have yet failed to discover. The greatest feeling of pride that a Bentonite has just now is when he can turn a visitor's eyes on the fine "capitol" of his county. It is not a pile of extravagance—it is something that has been needed for the past ten years; it is here, and it would be a very foolish idea to use it as a means of electing a republican judge. Letting politics be a secondary consideration, it might well be said that Judge Holgate deserves a re-election as a sort of honor for the good he has done Benton county and Corvallis.

THE TARIFF QUESTION.

"I want the tariff lowered on everything but sugar," says the Louisiana democrat.

"And I want it lowered on everything but rice," says the democratic rice grower.

"I want the tariff lowered on everything but iron," says the democratic iron manufacturer.

"I want it lowered on everything but wool," says the Texas wool grower.

"We want the tariff lowered on sugar, rice, iron and wool," shouted the democratic party in grand chorus.

And yet the people delude themselves by saying there is "peace and harmony" in the democratic free trade camps.—Houston (Tex.) Tribune.

THE aggregate amount of the imports on woolen goods by all the countries of the world, excluding the United States, does not exceed \$90,000,000 per annum. The value of woolen goods manufactured in the United States is nearly \$300,000,000 a year, and the imports are over \$50,000,000 more. In other words, if all the foreign markets could be captured that are open to anybody they would be worth only \$90,000,000 a year, while the own home market is worth nearly \$400,000,000. What stupid fools the manufacturers would be if, in order to win "the open markets of the world," worth \$90,000,000, they should surrender to foreigners their own, worth nearly, \$400,000,000, or more than four times as much.

J. W. HINES, at a nationalist club meeting in San Jose, Cal., not long since, made a few brief remarks on the new organization and question and among them he expostulates like this: "The cause of nationalism comes to us to save men not only from poverty but from dishonesty. Under the present system when a man steals a little he is a thief; when he steals a great deal he is made a senator." If such is the case, just see how many thieves there will be in Oregon soon after the coming June election. It is really too bad that such a beautiful room as the senate chamber in Oregon's capital at Salem should be termed a den for thieves.

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Benton county has an area of about twelve hundred square miles, and extends through from the Willamette river to the Pacific ocean. The coast mountains traverse the county north and south through the middle, thus giving it widely diversified characteristics. On the western slope there are a number of small valleys that are considerably improved. Chief among these is the Alsea valley, in the south-western part of the county, which is about fifteen miles long and four miles wide, and is well adapted to general farming, fruit growing, dairying and stock raising. There are located in this valley two grist mills, two salmon canneries, and several small lumber and shingle mills. Coasting vessels ascend the river a number of miles and ply a lucrative trade. The Yaquina valley, further north, is a similar country, and it has the advantage of being on the railroad, which runs down the valley to the bay. Yaquina is a town of about four hundred inhabitants, situated on the bay of the same name at the mouth of the river, and its shipping facilities as the terminus of the Oregon Pacific railway on tide water make it an important place. It has the best harbor on the coast between San Francisco and the Columbia river, and the nearest harbor to the Willamette river. The government is improving this harbor to meet the growing demands of commerce. The railway company has a line of steamers plying between Yaquina and San Francisco, and coasting vessels do more or less business there. The only bank in the county outside of Corvallis is located there. A few miles down the beach is the Seal Rock summer resort, which is well patronized every season and is rapidly gaining in popularity. Newport is an incorporated town about the same size as Yaquina. It is a few miles nearer the ocean and is quite widely known as a summer resort. The Siletz Indian reservation takes in a small portion of the northeastern part of the county. The western slope of Benton county is not so well settled as that portion in the Willamette valley, but it contains many choice tracts of farming land and vast forests of valuable timber.

In the Willamette valley portion of the county there are several sub-valleys, separated by low hills that are not too rough for cultivation. In the northern part of the county are Blodgett's and King's valleys, drained by the Luckiamute river. The King's valley settlement is the larger of the two, and includes a considerable area of well-developed country. The Mary's river valley is the largest in the county and comprises the country about Corvallis and extending westward into the mountains fifteen or twenty miles distant. Then the Long Tom country occupies an important portion of the southeastern corner of the county. All these small valleys are merely portions of the rich Willamette valley, the divisions between them being somewhat imperfectly defined watersheds trending from the mountains to the river.

On the Willamette slope the forests decrease as the river is approached. The mountains are, for the most part, heavily timbered with white fir, cedar and yew, and down the slopes are maple, ash, oak, alder and balsam. Nearly all localities of medium altitude bear a light growth of oak and maple. All the creek bottoms have ash, alder and balsam. This entire list of wood is suitable for manufacturing purposes, such as lumber, furniture, woodenware, etc.

Benton county has by no means reached a state of full development. Its agricultural resources, which are chief, are susceptible of great growth, and it needs many more people than it now has to till the soil. The land is very productive. No section of the west excels this county in the abundance and variety of its farm products. The climate is mild and healthful, with the same pleasant features that characterize the climate of the Willamette valley in general. The summers are dry and moist and extremes of temperature are unknown. The climate of the portion west of the mountains is a little more moist than in the valley, and vegetation is green there the entire year. Sometimes there is snow in the valley for a very brief time in winter. During nearly half a century that Benton county has been cultivated there has not been a single failure of crops and the ordinary yields are proverbially large. All the common grains, vegetables and fruits are raised, and even the more sensitive grapes and peaches are successfully grown. The fruit interests could easily be quadrupled by the establishment of canning facilities. There are large quantities of cultivable land still unoccupied on both sides of the mountains, but the western slope has fewer settlers than the eastern, because it is a newer section and has not the modern conveniences of the valley. For grazing purposes, the foothills of the mountains contain the choicest lands; but for cultivation the more level surface down in the valley is preferred, and such farms may be obtained in good locations near market for from \$15.00 to \$50.00 per acre. Improved farms, of course, cost more than the wild lands. Many of the land holders now own hundreds of acres more than they can use, and they are now manifesting a desire to cut up these large tracts and dispose of the surplus land to immigrants seeking homes in the west. This section has superior attractions for home seekers, and it is that class of people more than any other that is becoming interested in Benton county.