

**TO THE PUBLIC.**

Newport, Or., March 19th.

To the Editor: On the 14th day of February, 1896, I sent the following letter to the Daily Oregonian for publication. It has not yet appeared. I have asked it to be returned, which was done with a statement that I had omitted something important in the heading, so immediately on receipt of their objections, I wrote a letter of apology and supplied the deficiency in my former communication and mailed it on March 9th, with a request to print in the Daily. It has not been published, nor is it likely to be. I now appeal to you for fair play. It is just and proper that the information desired by correspondents in the Oregonian should be answered, as they are of public interest and importance.

It is strange that so many men, in their extreme anxiety to defeat the presentation of facts and figures heretofore presented, illuminate their ignorance of legislative methods and requirements. "Querist," intimates that possibly Washington senators and representatives rendered some assistance. How could they? The people of Oregon, not Washington, petitioned and memorialized congress for the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia. The bills for that work, as for all others mentioned, had to originate in the senate. This is a constitutional provision. I detect the necessity for this kindergarten instruction, for the benefit of writers who would presume this, insinuate that, guess, insinuate, and even attribute Mr. Hermann's obedience to the expressed wishes of his constituents to some selfish or personal end. No doubt Washington delegates voted for Oregon bills as our delegates voted for theirs, but Mr. "Querist" et al. please remember that the deepening of the water on the Columbia bar was establishing a rival to Puget Sound. The assumption that Washington members jumped over each other in their haste to vote on this measure, is about as unreasonable and ridiculous as to suppose the chamber of commerce at Portland would memorialize for deeper water at Yaquina Bay.

Now, "Querist" et al. think the Willamette river has been neglected and the Willamette valley made an unnecessary sufferer; that Mr. Hermann has been remiss in this one particular. Has he?

About the time Mr. Hermann took his seat in congress, the Oregon Pacific Railroad, after years of struggle and opposition commenced carrying freight to the new port of Yaquina bay. The rates were so low, compared to those in the past, that farmers in the heart of the valley received nearly as much per bushel on grain, as they had formerly been able to sell for in Portland. It was a grand, positive and valuable reduction, a direct saving to the farmers of the Willamette valley. The river for five years was almost forgotten, so secure did the people feel from further embarrassment by exorbitant freight charges. A competing line of railroad had changed the whole freight conditions in the Willamette valley and greatly for the better. Yaquina was to be the valley's port of shipment, hence its improvement became the valley's special care. "Querist" says Hermann neglected the valley and devoted too much attention to other points on the coast. Did he? Sometime in February 1895, an officer of unquestionable ability in charge of the public works in Oregon, wound up his report on Yaquina Bay, by saying: "It was beyond the power of man to further improve the bar." It was like a thunderbolt from a clear sky; the valley people, without an exception were alarmed; only a few days remained of the 53rd congress, the river and harbor committee had finished their work and held their last meeting, every member of that committee of 15, was anxiously looking after his individual measures; no desire or inclination or even reason to open up new questions of improvement. This was the critical situation at Washington when the report of Captain Symons reached Hermann. Without a word of advice or importuning from any one he exerted himself to get the scattered committee together again, no small task, and one that no new member could have accomplished. After much hard work he had the committee reconvene, and they reported for a "commission of three officers, none to be below the grade of captain, who were to examine and report on a new project for improving Yaquina bay." The valley people felt indeed grateful for this timely action of Mr. Hermann's, and on the 11th day of last May, at Newport, the Willamette valley was represented before the commission by delegates from Salem, Albany, Junction Eugene, Corvallis and Eastern Oregon. Statistics in abundance were there showing the great saving the valley had realized since the improvement had commenced. Strong arguments were made by representative men, there was no mistaking the earnest vigorous expression of the valley press. What was the result? The commission with all data before them, and a survey made after their appointment, have now a new project for deepening the water on the bar at an outlay of \$1,250,000. I hope Mr. Hermann's opponents will not attribute this special effort in behalf of the Willamette valley to his presumed interest in town lots. The safe, certain and unquestionable means of regulating freights for a large part of Oregon, if not all, depends upon two ports instead of one, and a competing line of railroad. "Querist" says, if I will name some one who opposed Senator Dolph, and is now a candidate for Hermann's place, I will do him a favor. I am not dragging skeletons of former greatness into the light of day just now, if "Querist" however wishes information on this point, he might hunt up the files of the defunct Portland Sun, and he will find the names and possibly the likeness of men whom that paper tried to deify, because

they dared to oppose the caucus nominee. If there are gentlemen who desire a new deal, without regard to the best interests of the state, it will not be the first time such a thing has been done. For my part I shall only be glad to assist in nullifying the pernicious effect of a new deal, we indulged in about three years ago, of a national character.

R. A. B.

**BRIEF MENTION.**

From Friday's Daily.

C. M. Johnson of Drain is in town.

James Byron of Olalla is in the city.

Edward Dedrick of Denver is in the city.

S. M. Kelley of Oakland is in the city today.

N. H. Rone of Calapooia was in the city yesterday.

Wm. Murry of Alaska is registered at the McClallen.

E. S. Dean of Astoria is a guest at Hotel Van Houten.

Cap Hall of Oakland is registered at the Van Houten.

D. B. Hall of Melrose came to the city today on business.

John Livingston of Peel is in the city today on business.

Mrs. Stevenson of Myrtle Creek is a guest at the McClallen.

Miss Mollie McCulloch of Olalla is a guest at the McClallen.

Hon. G. W. Riddle of Glenbrook came down on the freight today.

D. McCully and D. Babcock of Portland are registered at the McClallen.

I. C. Kent of Dillard is in town today, looking after populist prospects of course.

E. J. Castian, John P. Jones and G. W. H. Miller of Portland are at the Van Houten.

C. M. Johnson has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail to and from the postoffice to the depot for \$144 per annum.

A young man who didn't like Worcester used ketchup to eat a spring roaster. He spread it so thick, That he made himself sick— And he don't love it now like he yesterday.

Mr. A. B. Haines of Elkton is urged by his neighbors to submit his name to the republican county convention for the nomination for the office of county commissioner.

David Looney, the tomb stone man, who has been down in the Willamette valley for several days, has returned bringing with him some new designs which he will take pleasure in showing his patrons.

The frequency with which late frosts have occurred in the vicinity of Eugene this season has proved destructive to the earliest varieties of fruits and nuts. Fruitgrowers say early potatoes and apricots have been destroyed.

Born, March 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Champaigne of French Settlement a son. The little one only lived two days, when it quietly passed away and was laid to rest in the family cemetery in French Settlement.

E. E. Freeman of Lake precinct a republican of the stalwart sort, we are authorized to state, will accept of a nomination for county commissioner at the coming republican county convention, if he is chosen. The convention would do well to recognize Lake precinct by placing Mr. Freeman's name on the ticket.

It may yet be necessary to photograph the interior of all Southern Oregon poultry before putting them on the market. A Jones' creek goose was sold in Grants Pass last week. It laid no golden eggs, but when dressed it in two gold nuggets and some copper and brass were found in its craw. As the goose only cost 75 cents, the investment was a good one.

From Saturday's Daily.

L. G. Matthews of Oak Creek is in the city today.

Frank Anland of Comstock is in the city today.

J. B. Troxel of Myrtle Creek is at the Van Houten.

J. A. Black of Drain is registered at the McClallen.

W. C. Tipton of Glide is registered at the McClallen.

Chas. F. Watson of Peel is a guest at the Van Houten.

J. T. Cooper of Oakland is registered at the McClallen.

Hon. J. T. Bridges of Drain is in the city today on business.

G. W. Grubb and wife of Wilbur, are guests at the McClallen.

Mrs. Mary Brogli of San Francisco is registered at the Van Houten.

Born, at Glide, March 17, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hughes, a 12-pound son. All parties concerned getting as well as could be expected.

W. C. Wilson of Cleveland, the owner of a gold quartz mine on Starveout, is in the city today. He reports that he will be milling ore in a few days.

Hite Mattoon of Drain is in the city with an eye open on the political horizon, but he says not a speck is discerned to mar the serenity of his vision.

A. F. Cornutt, a teacher of Ashland, is in the city today. Mr. Cornutt is a teacher of nine years' experience and is reputed as a number one teacher.

J. B. Ford of Myrtle Creek, one of Douglas county's excellent teachers, is in the city today on business educational with J. A. Underwood, the superintendent.

The United States Constitution declares: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

**POLITICAL CATHODE RAYS.**

We read in ancient story that, Where the carcass is there will the eagles be gathered together.

By a slight change of words we will say that, where there are offices to be filled, there will the candidates be gathered together.

The old adage, "The office should seek the man," has become obsolete, and now the man seeks the office, if it be a paying one.

In the approaching campaign there are ten offices to be filled by the county vote and two by the district.

For these offices there are at least 50 candidates, all told.

On the democratic side there are, for state senator, T. R. Sheridan the banker, and James W. Hamilton the lawyer. As bankers are just now in rather ill repute amongst the common people, and as lawyers as legislators are not deemed the best law makers, their names are dropped; that is, so it is talked by the voters. So they must look to some honest farmer. Mr. J. F. Gasley, a farmer of Canyonville, is thought to be the man, though now a populist who evolved from democracy a few years ago.

For representatives, C. H. Fisher having gone up Salt river two years ago, it is thought that, to secure the Review's hearty support, E. McBroom be named or one of them. Joe Lyons of Drain and Geo. Quine of Riddle are the other two slated for Salem. The bosses will probably kick against this slating but times have changed, the ring is busted the old slate has been smashed—and "Othello's occupation is gone."

For county clerk no one will apply—that is a case of some grapes.

For sheriff, owing to late developments evolving from a deep laid scheme, there will probably be three men before the convention, viz: Beckley, Dillard and Clay Long. Beckley is still footsore from his race two years ago, and is loth to take the track again unless his competitor's record is slow. Dillard has been in training for the race for some time, but the managers have ruled him off the track—as none but thoroughbreds will be entered.

Clay Long, the young giant from Yoncalla who has a clear record will enter for the prize. He will doubtless hold his republican mate a neck-and-neck race till on the last quarter, when he would drop into the rear with that mettlesome populist, Martin.

For commissioner the present incumbent, Mr. Maupin, will doubtless be placed on the ticket—the best selection they could make.

For treasurer J. T. Bryan is favorably mentioned. On account of his lameness it is thought he would make a close race.

For assessor there is talk of running Jas. A. Sterling, as "equal and uniform taxation" is a provision of the constitution democracy never loses sight of, and James' assessments secure them that—that is, he will not over assess them.

For coroner Drs. Bradley and Coffman will draw lots to see which shall try his fortune before the people.

**REPUBLICANS.**

On the part of the republicans Al Reed of Gardiner and W. B. Clarke of Millwood, will ask for the nomination for state senator. J. T. Bridges of Drain, G. T. Howell of Oakland, Geo. W. Riddle of Glenbrook, Ed. Hughes of Canyonville, and A. M. Crawford, Peter Hunt and O. A. Seibroder of Roseburg, will come before the convention as candidates for representatives.

For clerk, J. I. Chapman, J. H. Shupe and E. C. Palmer are contending for the nomination. Mr. Benson, having served two terms, does not desire to break the record by trying for the third term.

For sheriff, C. F. Cathcart, D. R. Shambrook and J. B. Riddle are in the swim. Zene Dimmick has been named by his friends as a candidate for sheriff.

For treasurer, Wm. A. Frater will doubtless have a clear field—so it appears at present.

F. B. Hamlin, O. C. Brown and J. H. Reese are candidates for school superintendent.

For county commissioner, A. W. Hart, of Drain, A. B. Haines of Elkton and F. E. Freeman of Lake, all good men, are in the field.

W. S. Britt of Canyonville, A. H. Buell of Looking Glass, Geo. Applegate of Yoncalla, and Geo. Cutlack of Comstock, and Enoch Dixon of Deer Creek are entered for the office of assessor.

For coroner several good men are mentioned, but no doctor begging for it.

**POPULIST.**

For senator this party will doubtless put up J. F. Gasley, their strongest man, expecting the democrats will support him. For the balance of the ticket we haven't turned our cathode rays upon them yet, and so our developer is not needed at present.

**Censure For Bayard.**

WASHINGTON, March 20.—It was decided today to vote on the resolutions censuring Bayard separately. The first resolution censuring Bayard was adopted, 180 to 71. Six democrats voted for it, and five republicans against it.

Cummings of New York, Bailey of Texas, Lattimer of South Carolina, Sorg of Okla., Cockrell of Texas and Layton of Ohio, voted with the republicans for the resolution.

Cook of Illinois, Willis of Delaware, Baker of Maryland, Draper of Massachusetts, and Pitney of New Jersey, were the republicans who voted against it. The second resolution, which expresses the general opinion that our foreign representatives should not make political or partisan speeches, was adopted, 191 to 59.

The Benoit-Boatner contested election case from the fifth Louisiana district, was called up after the adoption of the Bayard resolutions. The majority report which will be adopted before the house adjourns today, declares the seat vacant.

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