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VOTERS AT SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

In view of the fact that some interest has recently been awakened in this county as to the qualifications of school electors, arising from the dispute over the division of district No. 16, which has been appealed and will bring up the whole question for consideration by the courts, a recent decision by Judge McBride at Hillsboro, bearing on that very subject is given below. A person was indicted by the grand jury for illegally voting at a school meeting, and was discharged, the court holding that:

"While school elections are not elections within the meaning of the constitution, yet they are authorized, and any qualification may be enforced; that the property qualification is constitutional and should be enforced by the directors, who are the judges; that the criminal code applies only to general elections, and not to specially authorized elections, as it follows closely the wording of the constitution, and hence is intended to apply to elections authorized by the constitution, and not to school elections; that the remedy is for directors to prevent from voting those not qualified under the law, and that it was a neglect of the legislature in not having made it a crime for one to vote."

During the argument, the meaning of the language of the law as to who are voters, where it says "who has property in the district upon which he or she pays a tax," was construed by the court to mean that any one having property in the district subject to assessment and taxation would be a taxpayer in the meaning of the law, and consequently entitled to vote.

The case of Senator Corbett is growing in favor in Washington, according to the reports, and the impression is that if it can be brought to a vote in the senate he will be seated. It is more than likely the committee on privileges and elections will report favorably. What a pity it is the rules and customs of the senate allow the pursuing of such tactics that a resourceful and desperate minority can obstruct legislation and delay action for an indefinite period. If Corbett is to be seated, let it be done; if not, the people of Oregon want to know it, as some steps should be taken to fill the vacancy. The county as well as the state desire that the delegation from Oregon in the senate should consist of two votes for good government and desirable legislation instead of one.

Some of our democratic friends would like to accuse the republican party of a change of front on the tariff question. This is far from true. The schedules of the McKinley bill are not desirable now as a whole because of changed conditions. Such an accusation comes with bad grace from the democrats who are continually changing front. It has swallowed itself more than once. There was a time here in Oregon when a democratic state convention condemned a republican congress for reducing the duty on wool, and two years later declared for the removal of the duty altogether. It gulped and made faces, but the new tariff master sat up with its committee on resolutions all night and by daylight it came up to the scratch and so declared.

It was stated in these columns a short time since that there was a possibility of a repetition of the conditions of the Crimean, and England and France might become after 40 years again allies against the Russian. Recent dispatches indicate that such a thing has been accomplished. While history and tradition would indicate that France and England would be natural enemies, yet they are close neighbors, and the most advanced of European peoples in the direction of self government, one being a republic, the other a constitutional or limited monarchy, and it seems that, in the proper order of things, they should become allies against the schemes and aggressive movement of an absolute monarchy.

The New York Times is authority for the statement that McKinley will not appoint to federal position any applicant who held office under any previous administration. If this is true it is to be commended. When we had a change of administration in 1889 every man in the state who held a federal position prior to 1889 thought he ought to have his old place back, and in too many instances succeeded. It dampened the ardor of the members of the party who never held a public office but hoped that their turn might come some time.

THE HEAD OF THE CORNER.

Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, in the course of a speech in congress the other day discussing the Dingley bill, drew a parallel between the country on the 1st of November, 1892, which he declared to be one of unexampled prosperity, and on November 1, 1896, when enterprise "was at a standstill; doubt, fear, uncertainty everywhere." He declared that "this great calamity had come upon the country substantially by reason of the act of a democratic congress—the repeal of the McKinley law. It was the McKinley law, misrepresented and misunderstood, that aided our overthrow in 1892, but it was the McKinley law, with the blessings we received from it during its short life, that became the talismanic word that swept McKinley into the nomination and carried the country in 1896. Thus it was that the discarded McKinley law of 1894 became the battle cry of a triumphant people in 1896, and the stone which the democratic leaders had refused to become the head of the political economical corner."

The English people express themselves through the medium of public meetings. When the government pursues a course not in accord with the public wish, public meetings are called in the great cities, speeches made and resolutions adopted. It is locally termed the growling of the lion in his lair. In the Cretan matter the English are taking no part in the blockade though at first it was expected that she would act in concert with the powers. But English public opinion, responding to the utterances of the grand old man at Hawarden, would not accede to the support of the power responsible for the Armenian atrocities, and England withdraws.

In the matter of fiddling away time, the American congress takes the bakery. The senate tactics have been a thorn in the flesh ever since it has degenerated from a gathering of statesmen to an asylum for "old women," and the people have been accustomed to look to the house for prompt action on measures of public concern in the hope that the senate might pattern after its promptness. Now the house itself is becoming dilatory. The country wants action rather than discussion and wants it quick.

Silver is down very near the lowest point which it ever touched, while wheat is at a high level, and is likely to go higher. Nobody hears the parrot talk now of silver and wheat being yoked together, but this is because the silver issue is dead, temporarily or eternally. If the issue should be resuscitated in 1900 the follies and falsehoods of 1896 would be repeated.—Globe Democrat.

Some little time ago the Oregonian printed an extract from the Review and credited it to the PLAINEALER. The extract quoted was a severe and unwarranted comment on Senator Gowan, who is a personal friend of the Editor of the PLAINEALER. Now other papers are quoting it giving the erroneous credit and it is needless to add, we are getting "roasted."

The county courts, it appears are not in accord on the question of the payment of state taxes. Wasco county will pay, Clatsop will not; others propose to pay a certain per cent ranging from 15 to 50. If the state board would only ask the counties to pay in just what can be used the whole question could be determined without further trouble or controversy.

California is agitating for a new constitution. The present fundamental law of that state was adopted some seven or eighteen years ago, under the influence of the sand lotters, largely. It was copied by nearly every leading paper of the state except the Chronicle, that cordially supported it and won a decisive victory.

The question of whether or not the senators, who are knocking at the senate door with the credentials in their pockets certifying to their having been appointed by governors, will be admitted is still undecided. A direct election by the people would avoid all this and allow state legislatures to legislate.

Americans in Cuba have found that there is a change of administration in the United States. They are now getting out of Spanish jails. The consul general is receiving the support from Secretary Sherman that he sought in vain from Secretary Olney.

The national convention of free silver republicans has been called for, to meet in Chicago on the 8th of June. Isn't it about time the free silver people who persist in acting as a separate party organization were dropping the name "republican"?

From now until the new tariff goes into effect foreign goods will be rushed into the country, and it is therefore the duty of congress to rush the new bill and head them off.

The administration might do a worse thing than leaving General Lee at his post as consul general, at Havana, till the Cuban troubles are over.

Foraker is technically the senior senator from Ohio, but somehow the boys go to Hanna when they are affectionately referred to "the old man."

Nevada's member of Congress is lecturing on "The Famine in Gold." A production of over \$200,000,000 a year is the famine referred to.

Just one democrat has occupied the presidential chair since 1861, and his own party insist that he was a terrible failure.

Postmaster General Gary is correct in his assertion that there is "very little difference between good democrats and good republicans." Three out of every four good democrats voted for McKinley last November, and they will help the republicans in 1900, it is safe to say, if the issue of 1896 comes up at that time. Moreover, thinks the Globe Democrat, if it is ever necessary to bring these democrats and the republicans together on the tariff it will be easy to do so without either side conceding much.

We must say once more, that we think it is a great misfortune that the legislative muddle is not taken before the courts. If there is no way to do this so as to have the matter settled, it is really too bad.—Salem Statesman.

In seventy years the Greeks have won every battle from the Turks that was fought with equal forces. It is a mistake to suppose that there are no modern Greeks in the class of Leonidas.

War between Turkey and Greece is today said to be inevitable. Tomorrow we may hear a different story.

A New Gun.

A Vancouver soldier has invented a new magazine gun that promises to supersede the various guns of that character now in use. The new gun is so arranged that two magazines may be attached, instead of one, and may be made to contain from one to 100 cartridges, the capacity of the magazine being limited only by the size of the gun and the caliber of projectile used. The magazine is placed alongside of the chamber, and may be extended back to the butt of the gun stock, or made to run parallel with the barrel into the stock. The cartridges are placed in a single perpendicular layer in the magazine or magazines, the bullets pointing downward; and are pressed into firing position by a presslock, which also rejects the spent shells by a simple movement. It is believed the gun will be found superior to any now in use for simplicity of construction and for rapid firing. Harle's gun is a smooth bore, and will carry a grooved or self-revolving bullet, of which he is also the inventor. He claims his self-revolving bullet is so constructed that when fired from his smooth-bore gun it will be given a rotary motion, by contact with the air, of much greater velocity than that given to a bullet fired from a rifled barrel. He also says that his smooth-bore gun will offer much less resistance to the bullet than the rifled barrel, and, therefore, that his gun will have an advantage in carrying power over the latest improved rifle.

Twenty Years of April Weather.

The following data, for April, covering a period of 19 years, have been compiled from the weather bureau records at Roseburg, Oregon, and furnished this office by Observer Thos. Gibson:

Temperature—Mean or normal temperature, 51 deg. The warmest month was that of 1888, with an average of 56 deg. The coldest month was that of 1896, with an average of 46 deg. The highest temperature was 86 deg. on 28th, 1890. The lowest temperature was 26 deg. on 12th, 1890. Average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, October 14. Average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, May 8.

Precipitation (rain and melted snow).—Average for the month, 2.69 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 14. The greatest monthly precipitation was 5.14 inches in 1892. The least monthly precipitation was 0.63 inches in 1888. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 1.14 inches on 16th, 1896. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 25 consecutive hours' record extending to winter of 1884-5 only, was 7.1 inches on 11th, 1896.

Average number of clear days, 5; partly cloudy days, 10; cloudy days, 15. The prevailing winds have been from the northwest. The highest velocity of the wind was 39 miles from the southwest on 23rd, 1888, also 25th, 1894.

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A Typical Cabinet.

It would be hard to imagine a more interesting and typical picture of the conditions of political life in the United States than is presented by the cabinet of the new administration at Washington. The Secretary of State was born in a log cabin. The Secretary of the Navy and the Postmaster General are the only college graduates. The Secretary of the Treasury was once a watchman in a lumber yard. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Interior are self-made millionaires. The Attorney General is a co-religionist of the Lord Chief Justice of Great Britain, and the Secretary of Agriculture is of foreign birth. Of such a cabinet it can be truly said that it is wholly free from discrimination on account of birth, creed, social antecedents or any form of sectionalism.—N. Y. World.

Notice.

I will sell at my place near Glendale, Ap. 25th, 1897, at 10:30 a. m. at public auction, one pony, saddle, bridle and surcingle to pay for pasturing of the same. Property of James Armstrong. Dated March 26, 1897. Signed O. F. ROHRER.

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NEWS NOTES.

Congress will be asked to place a duty on beet sugar.

Five pages of the tariff bill were disposed of on Saturday.

The Willamette and its tributaries are experiencing a freshet.

Annexation to Greece, or death, is the watchword of the Cretans.

The Cretans tested the Turks in a fight at Malaxa Blockhouse.

The state board of agriculture has also run up against Secretary Kincaid.

Spain wants the treaties between that country and the United States revised.

Fitzsimmons will take the job of instructor in a big New York athletic club.

The average daily income from imports through the custom house is about \$370,000.

The prairies of Kansas are covered with great drifts of snow in these last days of March.

Governor Lowndes of Maryland, will be a candidate for senator to succeed Gorman in 1899.

Dr. Diemell, a German manufacturer of linen, has pronounced Oregon flax equal to the best.

There was a sale off the mouth of the Columbia Thursday and much anxiety is felt for shipping.

The traffic associations among the western railroads are breaking up and a rate war may result.

Archbishop Ireland says pugilism is barbarism, animalism, a disgrace to christian civilization.

The budget says \$10,000 is due the city treasury for the violation of the new Astoria spit ordinance.

Roy Miller of Stanton, Or., was drowned near Salmon river, Tillamook county, on the 19th inst.

Isaac Stacey of Sams Valley and Walter S. Kitchen of Jacksonville have been granted original pensions.

The convicts in the penitentiary at Walla Walla, of whom there are 400, make about 6000 grain bags a day.

Seven hundred persons were massacred by Turks in Tukat recently. Among them were about 75 Greeks.

The senate on Thursday confirmed the nomination of Hon. Binger Hermann as commissioner of the general land office.

Four democrats, Meyer, Davey and Broussard of Louisiana, and Slayden of Texas, it is said, will support the tariff bill.

The deadlock continues in the Kentucky legislature on the question of the election of senator. Hunter lacks two votes.

William Taylor Adams, Oliver Optic, the famous writer of stories for the young, died at Boston Saturday, aged 75 years.

The powder river, in Baker county, experienced a phenomenal rise last week. Most of the Eastern Oregon streams got an a tear.

The new terminal station of the railroads of Boston will have 30,000 Oregon pipes for a foundation. Oregon is being heard from.

Floods in the Blue mountains have delayed trains. Warm Chinook winds melted the snow and caused the streams to rise rapidly.

Eighty thousand persons have filed applications for positions with the post-office department, and the returns are not yet all in.

Last year's output of American-built and registered vessels was the greatest known in the last fourteen years, with two exceptions.

Clackamas populists approved by a vote of the county members in the legislature. Not without some dissenting voices, however.

Colonel John Hay, the new ambassador to the court of St. James, will pay \$6000 for his home in Carlton House Terrace for three months' time.

Kansas is said to have the "airship" now. Hundreds of people including the governor, saw a mysterious red light pass over the city of Topeka Saturday night.

Mr. Glastone is making up a second series of books from his occasional writings, and the first volume, it is expected, will be ready for publication in the spring.

Illinois has a cat farm, where these animals are bred and raised, and then slaughtered for their fur now highly in demand in the manufacture of leather goods.

The Mississippi river is said to carry heavier deposits than any other stream in the world, but it seems just now to have mighty little regard for its banks.—Republic.

The floods in the Mississippi have remained about stationary for several days and are expected now to subside. They have been the highest and most destructive in 15 years.

Harris, the negro, and Kate Sanders, his white paramour, the debauchers of India, got 23 and 15 years in the penitentiary respectively, from Multnomah county last week.

The people of San Pedro, Cal., are very anxious to see whether or not U. P. Huntington, of the Southern Pacific, will oppose or acquiesce in the government's attempt to make a deep sea harbor of that port.

The Cuban war is in the ascendant. An expedition carrying arms, ammunition and heavy field pieces made a safe landing recently northwest of Havana, and a Spanish minister declared at Madrid that the Cuban campaign was drawing to a close.

The storm of last Thursday was general throughout the northwest. Reports from Portland, Tacoma and Seattle tell of damaged roofs, uprooted trees, damaged awnings, and other minor matters. Trains were delayed by trees across the track in several instances.

When the present legislature of Kentucky was first elected, it stood 68 republicans, 68 democrats and 2 populists. Death took a hand in roving the roll-call, vacancies were filled, and that body now stands 70 republicans, 65 democrats, 2 populists, and still no vacancies.

The work of relieving the victims of the Mississippi floods continues unabated at Memphis, where 3000 destitute people are being cared for. This number is being constantly augmented, the relief boat at every trip bringing in loads of miserable and half-starved people, whose homes have been swept away by the torrent.

An Oklahoma legislator declared that Wall street reminded him "of that well-known biblical character, Shylock, who demanded his pound of meat though the heavens fall." The story is as bad as that of the Nebraska statesman who declared that the proud American eagle would ever stand ready to show its teeth in the face of tyranny and oppression.

It is believed that by the beginning of May there will be a Carlist uprising in Spain of such proportions that the government will be compelled to recall the troops from Cuba to protect the throne.

The Cuban patriots have therefore brighter prospects than ever, and they may yet have the satisfaction of celebrating the independence of their country before the year is over.—Call.

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Rogue River Mining Notes.

Hour and Gilmore operate a placer on Indian creek with pipe and giant. A half interest in it was sold the other day for \$1000 and considerable money is now being taken out.

It is reported that another pumping plant will be put in on the Bayford-Hill works. The gravel has been found to be very rich there.

There are 12 men employed on the Horn-Sibley-Tucker placers on the Illinois river. Considerable work has been done on the new ditch, strengthening it against the snowfall in the mountains, but they will have water for working the year around.

The Spokane parties who bonded the Boynton ledge on Jump-off-Joe for \$3000, have found the pay seam widens from its original 18 inches to 4 feet and some of the rock goes as high as \$800 to the ton. It is probable that the parties will take the mine, as it is very cheap at those figures.

The Hampton-Lewis placers on Upper Grave creek now keep 16 men busy. Some very extensive preparations have been going on at these mines for two years and now they are about ready to run 60 monitors steady. A race 1200 feet long has just been completed and this is paved with railroad iron to resist the cutting process of rapidly moving boulders. These diggings are among the most valuable on the coast.

The executive committee of the miners' association met Monday at the city hall. Messrs. Jewell, Corlies, Savage, Robinson, and Hampton were present. A new secretary M. M. South, was elected to succeed Arch Taylor, who resigned. L. L. Jewell was elected treasurer to succeed Capt. Brown. The committee ordered 500 copies of the souvenir edition of the Observer for distribution. Some \$80 was reported in the treasury, although Capt. Brown is away in California at this time.

President McKinley's mother's name is Nancy; so was that of the mother of his worthy prototype, Abraham Lincoln. Of the other presidents' mothers' given names there are four Elizabeths, three Marys, two Elizas, two Janes, two Annas and one each Susanna, Velly, Abigail, Sarah, Phoebe, Harriet, Sophia, Malvina and Maria. All are good, old-fashioned names and in refreshing contrast with the numerous Birdies, Dalays, Flossies and Mannies of the present day.

Ocean freights are cheap, and not likely to increase when a single ship, like the new twin-screw steamship Pennsylvania, can carry grain enough to load six ordinary freight cars. In addition, the Pennsylvania has accommodations for 320 first and second class passengers. She was built at Belfast, and her sister ship, the Pretoria, of 18,500 tons measurement, is under construction at Hamburg.

A man in Portland named Pague, who is pulling the government's leg, is so deucedly clever in planning bad weather, that we wish he was kept in a cage.

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