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THE COMING ELECTION.

The citizen voters of Douglas county will be called upon to elect at the June election the following officials: Congressman, Circuit Judge, Circuit Attorney, State Senator, Joint State Senator for Lane, Douglas and Josephine counties, Two State Representatives, One Joint Representative for Douglas and Jackson counties, County Sheriff, County Clerk, County School Superintendent, County Treasurer, County Assessor, County Surveyor, County Coroner.

The Precinct, or Districts will elect about 25 Justices of the Peace and same number of Constables.

The PLAINDEALER has heard of a full score of candidates who are buttoling the dear people, but so far there is not one of them with sufficient stamina to come out boldly before the public and say "I am a candidate for this or that office." Now we know all the complaints made in years past about packed conventions by disgruntled candidates and yet the candidates themselves are to blame if such a state of affairs existed. Suppose a man wants to be county dog peltier, all he had to do under the old programme was to see a few of his friends and ask about his chances or obtain a promise of support and when his name was mentioned in the convention outside of one or two delegates he was practically unknown. The convention not knowing the man and almost without consideration of his merits turned him down by the nomination of a man who was better known or of whom the people had heard. In these days there is only one way for candidates to be brought prominently before the people and that is through the columns of the newspapers. The man who is not aware of this fact is a poor man to elect to any office because he is a relic of a past age. In speaking of this matter some time ago a probable candidate said: "I do not want the people outside my own friends to know that I will be a candidate as that might defeat me." All we can say to such foolishness is: the man was depending upon his friends forming a combination to secure his nomination over, it may be worthier men. When a man comes boldly out and says: "I am a candidate and want to obtain the Republican party nomination as its candidate if I am found worthy," that man has at least the merit of candor and manliness behind his candidacy and it is hard for any combination to turn him down because he has made himself known to the people and if there are political rings and cliques he is the hardest kind of a proposition to handle, because a vast majority in the nominating convention knows him by name and reputation.

This promises to be a very lively political scrap for the nomination for several offices. Let us suppose that the nomination for the County Coroner's office is sought by two or more men. What is there to prevent each man telling the people how he proposes to carve up a stiff or whether he uses an arsenical preparation or General Miles' beef embalming fluid to preserve a corpse? If either Doctor Sawbones or Sawdust failed to come square out on such a momentous platform of information and depended on a cinch with other would-be politicians to pull the wool over the eyes of the party and obtain the nomination in an underhand way, that man is not a fit man for the Republican party to nominate to hold an inquest over the corpse of the democratic party and pass upon the quality of the ripeness by inhaling the effluvia arising from the stiff.

And then there is another little matter the PLAINDEALER wants to write about and give a word of caution to the Republican voters of Douglas county. There are professing republican candidates who openly boast that they can carry a big democratic vote and they depend on their democratic friends to urge their nomination for the republican nomination. Right here we desire to state: The republican whom the democrats would assist in electing is either a democrat dressed up in republican clothing or is a man who has made a trade with the democrats to mash

part of the Republican ticket in favor of the democrats. In any event the republican who is supported by democrats is an unsafe man to nominate, for we never knew a man nominated by the goodwill of a supposed opposing political party who was not a traitor to the party traditions and members of the party who nominated him. Beware of such men be they Republicans, Democrats, Socialists or Pops, they are tailmashers.

Then there are professed Republicans who want office who do all in their power to build up Democratic institutions and tear down Republican enterprise—there are quite a number who have been doing so, and they are now trying to hide behind this or that expediency or explanation. Verily, Brethren, the PLAINDEALER is a most jealous god and can shut the eye for past offenses, but as a word of caution we say: If you are even professing republicans don't do it again.

There are other points we could write about and one is harmony. By a public announcement of policies by legislative candidates the republicans of Douglas county would be able at their precinct conventions to send delegates to the County convention in favor of their choice for office. The nomination in this way would come directly from the people and would be the expressed wish of a majority of the nominating delegates; and especially would this be true if delegates and alternates were elected and no proxies recognized by the County convention. The man who failed of nomination would then feel that the successful candidate obtained the nomination in an honest manner and would pull off his coat and work for the success of the ticket instead of being as is too often the case, down in the dumps and knifing the nominees in the back.

Now the above is a short chapter from the pure Republican Gospel according to Brookes, and we shall from time-to-time give a few more chapters along similar lines.

FOR OR AGAINST AN OPEN FAIR

The Portland newspapers are filled with articles from eminent divines and churches regarding keeping open and the proposed Lewis and Clark fair on Sundays. If we are to believe the published reports of interviews the ministers giving such views are to disagree to the religion they profess. To them the God of Sabbath is unknown and they favor breaking the State law, the moral law and also the Divine law. Is it any wonder that a multitude of people scoff at their professed religion?

Moral Cowards

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 3.—The temperance question that has been occupying the minds of the City Council and citizens as well, for the past few months, has come to an end. There has been a movement on foot among the temperance people of the town to raise the saloon license from \$400 to \$300 per annum, a majority of the present council expressing themselves in favor of the advancement, but when the date for the final vote on the matter arrived it was discovered that one of the Councilmen who had been the most favorably inclined to the movement did not attend.

This tied the remaining Councilmen on the question. It was then up to the Mayor to cast the deciding vote. He likewise expressed himself in favor of the measure previous to this time, but refused to stand by his previous convictions. The matter was finally compromised by the Council letting the license stand as it was, but agreeing to rigidly enforce an ordinance compelling saloons to close promptly at midnight, and also on Sundays.

Lone Robber at Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 3.—A lone robber held up the barroom of the Geiser Grand Hotel early this morning. He took all the money in the till and robbed the night clerk and bartender of what money they had, securing about \$75 in all. Mr. Burk and M. M. Whan entered the barroom just as the robber was going through the cash register. Whan was compelled to put up his hands. Burk ran outside and called for help, but no one was in sight. The robber deliberately completed his work and retired. He was a short, heavyset man and resembled in appearance the man who held up the Mint Saloon about three weeks ago.

Blizzard in the East.

CORRY, Pa., Feb. 3.—All train service in this part of the state has been interrupted as the result of a fine snow that drifted into the cuts, driven by a high wind. A number of passenger trains are stalled in snowdrifts.

GOSHEN, Ind., Feb. 3.—The Michigan division of the Big Four is snowbound. Two trains are drifted in north of Niles, Mich., and trains to and from Indianapolis go no further north than Elkhart. The drifts are as high as the coaches. The same

conditions obtain on the Michigan division of the Lake Shore road.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 3.—Passenger trains on the Michigan division of the Big Four, due last night, are stalled in drifts in Northern Indiana. Heavy snow has fallen and the drifts are reported 15 and 20 feet high. Trains on the Lake Erie & Western and the Pennsylvania roads also are many hours late.

Blizzard East of the Mountains.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 2.—The blizzard that has raged for the past 36 hours in Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota, has about spent itself. Two more fatalities on account of the storm have been discovered.

Another "Gresser" War.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Dispatches from Montevideo, Uruguay, announce that the rebels under General Aparicio Saravia are now only four leagues from the capitol, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina. A great panic has seized the residents of Montevideo and the Argentine Government has decided to send the cruiser Nueve de Julio there to protect the interests of the Argentine citizens. The cruiser will sail at dawn Wednesday.

Tidal Wave in the Bay of Biscay.

BREST, France, Feb. 3.—A tidal wave swept the coast of Penmarch, in the department of Finistere, last night. One-third of the commune of Penmarch is under water, many fishing boats were wrecked, and some of their occupants were drowned. An immense amount of damage was done. The people living near the shore were obliged to flee from their houses.

Entertainment at the City Hall.

Last Monday night the playgoers of Roseburg who failed to attend, missed the best show that was ever put on the boards before the city

"It is high time to admit that no competent view of the presidential situation within the Democratic party can be taken without reference to the possibility of Mr. Hearst's nomination. We have heard his youth urged against him as an alleged objection, but his young manhood can hardly be received as a just ground of opposition among republicans who are admirers of President Roosevelt's youthful strenuousness, or among democrats who earnestly supported Mr. Bryan when his chief claim to renown was the honorable title of 'the boy orator of the Platte.' Mr. Hearst's youth would not stand in his way as a candidate."

King Solomon's Mines.

A dispatch from Sioux City, Iowa, on Saturday says: K. V. Millard is here on his way East after a stay of several weeks in South Dakota. Mr. Millard proposes to apply to the mines of the "wise old Solomon" modern methods in mining that are used in the great Homestake mine at Leadville. For, as a result of two years' travel in Abyssinia, Millard has had accessions to the richest mining region in that country, which he feels confident was the Ophir, from whence came the riches which the Queen of Sheba bestowed upon Solomon.

"The world of scholarship and discovery have for 3,600 years tried to locate the mines of King Solomon," said Mr. Millard, "and I expect soon to control the richest of them, and have American crushers and American cyanide processes for extracting the gold from the richest deposits of ore in the world." Mr. Millard became acquainted with Emperor Menelik through meeting one of his sons in Cairo. Traveling up the Nile he entered Abyssinia and finally enjoyed the rare privilege of presentation to the greatest of barbarian monarchs of this century.

Confessed the Crime.

On Tuesday, Ernest Cashel, the young American of 21, who murdered Rancher Bebe at Red Deer River, paid the Capital penalty this morning at Calgary. Before the hanging he made a public confession. The drop fell at six minutes past 8 o'clock. Treating the execution as though it was a show at the Opera House, a Calgary special says "the

Last year 20,000,000 were in effect during the early spring months, and repeated again for a longer period in the fall. Thousands of travelers availed themselves of the chance to migrate to new homes on the Pacific Slope of the continent. There was some doubt whether the rains would again be made for this year, but the railroads seem to have been entirely satisfied with the results obtained and glad to renew them.

CORNER STONE TO BE LAID

Roseburg's New High School Building.

The work on the new High school building is progressing very nicely and will be completed within the allotted time for ready for occupation next September 1st. The foundation is laid and work is being begun on the first story. The campus is probably the best in the city, and the building when completed will be an ornament to the city of Roseburg. The site has been well selected in the Waite addition, on a high location sloping downward on all sides, which will be of great advantage during the wet season. The maintenance of the building faces toward the west, with side entrances on the north and south. Its distance from the business portion of the city is another great advantage, keeping the youth away from the hubbub and excitement of the city during the study hours and immediately before and afterward.

The new building is much needed, the over-crowded condition of the present school and the lack of adequate recitation rooms, libraries, laboratories and gymnasium, improper ventilation and heating appliances will all be remedied in the new building, and the students, as well as the entire community, are looking forward to the completion of the new building. It has been necessary to occupy part of the City Hall to make room for the overflow, Miss Aldrich's fourth and fifth grades, consisting of forty-three pupils, occupying a room there. With the completion of the new building, and with the present building, in connection, in another year Roseburg will have the very best of educational advantages. The present corps of teachers cannot be improved upon, although the addition of a few more may be necessary next year.

So, Roseburg is doing its duty and keeping up in the training of its youth, as any thriving city should do, and visitors to this city will notice the advantages, and first of all, our splendid school buildings. People in other lines, especially those representing capital, should interest themselves in the advantages and the opportunities offered in Roseburg and surrounding country and follow suit and develop the resources in our immediate vicinity and make Roseburg a desirable location for home-owners from other parts of our great country.

On Monday, February 22, the corner stone of the new school building will be laid, under the direction of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon, and just as soon as the necessary details have been arranged by the Grand Master and Brethren the PLAINDEALER will publish the programme.

The Military Wagon Road Suit.

A special dispatch from Washington, on Monday, says: The vexatious land case entitled "United States vs. the California and Oregon Land Company," was decided today in favor of the defendant corporation by Justice Holmes of the United States Supreme Court.

The suit was brought by the government in which it sought to nullify patents to 115,000 acres of land in Yamath Indian reservation granted to Oregon in 1864, for building a road across the Cascade. The Indians met in October of the same year and consummated a treaty of the same purport. The grant was later transferred to the Oregon Central Military Road Company. The road was constructed and the land selected in 1872. The company had been in possession of and paid taxes on the land for years, when suit was brought before Judge Bellinger of Portland to nullify the patents. That magistrate handed down a decision holding the Indian title had never been extinguished. The case was at once appealed and after various delays, and unsuccessful attempts of tribunals to arrive at a verdict, Judge Bellinger's decision is at last reversed. Final argument of the case occurred on the 4th of January.

(Present ownership of the big tract is vested in the Oregon Land and Livestock company, of which the following persons are jointstockholders: T. K. Sheridan and J. H. Booth of Roseburg; B. A. Booth, G. H. Kelly and J. F. Kelly of Eugene; F. H. Buck of Vacaville, Cal.; A. J. Hochman and Herbert Fleischacker, Frank Miller, of Sacramento.)—Eugene Register.

Country People's Rest Room.

The Mental Culture club have on their way plans of a very worthy and commendable nature—the establishment of a rest room for country people who may be in the city either for business or pleasure.

The idea is not entirely a new one, having originated in one of the smaller towns in the East, in rather a unique manner.

A young matron, newly established in her first home, saw as she sat by her window one afternoon, a woman, evidently from the country, pass and re-pass with apparently no object save to dispose of time which hung heavily. In her arms she carried a infant, and a little fellow of three or four traugled bravely at her heels. In a flash the young woman realized the situation: the woman outside was a farmer's wife without friends in the town, and waiting in a store for her husband to finish his business, she had grown weary and the children fretful, and she had gone out on the street to walk about and thus amuse the little ones. The young man from west out and invited her country sister to come in and rest, an invitation gladly accepted, and upon both weary little youngsters were comfortably asleep on the couch.

This experience brought the matter directly to the young woman's attention, and taking it up, she secured a num-

ber of friends in the movement, with the result that comfortable rooms were thereafter maintained for the refreshment of the country women visiting the city. The idea proved itself so successful that other towns copied it all over the land, and it has spread over the country, having reached Oregon some time ago, such rooms are successfully maintained in Eugene.

The idea is to establish rooms where the country people may rest and wait, one room being fitted as a sitting room, with couches where poor, tired babies may sleep, and another with a stove and such other furnishing as may be necessary for it to be a well equipped room where coffee may be brewed and lunch eaten.

Any woman who has waited at a railroad station between trains fancies the need of all the sympathy of friends and relatives, but let her imagine herself, waiting for several hours for her husband, with no place to sit and rest, with the shoppers' seats in a store, where she feels as completely in the way as she really is, her little ones worn out and fretful, clamoring to "go home," and the picture is such as must appeal to every woman.

The Mental Culture club deserves commendation for taking this matter up, and the PLAINDEALER bespeaks for them the hearty co-operation of the business people of the city, for the matter certainly has a business as well as a philanthropic side.

Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

The efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the relief of rheumatism is being demonstrated daily. Parker Triplett, of Grigsby, Va., says that Chamberlain's Pain Balm gave him perfect relief from rheumatism in the back when everything else failed, and he would not be without it. For sale by A. C. Marsters & Co.

The graduation of the first class at the Naval Academy left many vacancies in the midshipmen's brigade, which have been filled by promotions. Among those advanced is Ernest Dun B. Akeley, of Oregon, who is made a cadet petty officer of the second class, First Division, First Battalion.

Theodore Peterhoff, the dog-faced man, known by the sobriquet of "Jojo," exhibited in most countries of the world, is dead here from pneumonia, says a Herald dispatch from Salonica, Turkey. Peterhoff attracted much attention in the United States, where he was exhibited 20 years ago by a well known circus proprietor.

The new treaty recently negotiated between Cuba and Italy reserves to the President, as well as to the King of Italy, the right to expel any and all persons, natives of the other Power, from the country, whenever these shall be deemed persons not fitting, without the formalities of expelling, the reasons for such action. Also, the citizens of each party to the compact residing in the other's territory are obliged to submit whatever claims they may at times wish to prefer, to the courts of the country in which they reside, and are bound to accept and abide by whatever decision these may render in case laid before them for examination.

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Notice.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Directors of School District No. 4, Roseburg, Oregon, until Feb. 15th 1904, for the construction of a 6-inch sewer from the new High School Building to Moshier St. in the city of Roseburg, Ore. and to connect with the sewer on said Moshier St. at the intersection of Jackson and Moshier St. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The successful bidder must give bond for the faithful performance of the contract. For particulars call on S. C. FLINT, Chairman, Board of Directors, School District no. 4, Roseburg, Ore.

Meeting of the Republican State Central Committee.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 29, '04. The Republican State Central Committee is hereby called to meet in the City of Portland on Friday, the 12th day of February, 1904 (Abraham Lincoln's birthday), in room 12 Hamilton building, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the next State Convention, apportioning delegates to said Convention, recommending date for holding primaries, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the committee.

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