

Kinchow Falls Under Japanese Fire.

TOKIO, May 23.—Port Arthur is now entirely enveloped, according to reports received here today.

Admiral Togo has established a complete blockade around the southern end of the Liao Tung peninsula, cutting off the fleet as thoroughly as though the much talked of bottle had been made permanently effective.

The Japanese land forces have swept the Russians from their defenses west of Dany and in the immediate rear of Port Arthur and are therefore brought front to front with the fortress itself.

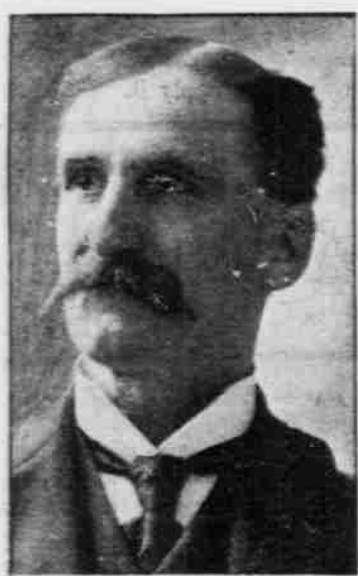
A battle in which the fate of the fortress may depend may be expected at any time. It is not believed here, however, that a storming party will be launched immediately, but that heavy siege guns will play the most important part in the reduction of the Russian stronghold.

Details of Battle.

Details of the storming of Kinchow received today state that in this case, as it is expected it will be in the final attack on the fortress, the fighting was practically confined to the artillery on both sides.

The cannonade was terrible and continued. For five hours the bombardment proceeded steadily without intermission, the deafening roar of the heavy siege guns brought by the Japanese being augmented by the fire from war vessels participating in the attack. Without doubt the heaviest fire ever concentrated on a position was turned by the Japanese against the desperate Russians who fought with dogged stubbornness and steady courage.

Three of the war vessels of the Japanese fleet whose names are not mentioned in the report, sailed into Kinchow Bay at a given time when the attack was due to commence and throughout the bombardment used their heaviest guns without cessation firing with a clock-like regularity.



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Their work is believed to have been effective.

A Russian gunboat from Tallien Bay tried to draw off some of the Japanese fire by opening on the Japanese flank, but was unsuccessful.

Although received here from several sources, none of the reports give death lists or even approximate losses. It seems certain, however, that the loss of life, particularly on the Russian side, must have been heavy, as all accounts of the taking of the castle show that every foot of ground was desperately contended by their guns were silenced and their gunners killed.

Official details of the battle are being eagerly awaited.

Communication is Restored.

Advices received here from excellent authority, state that communication between General Kuroki and Oku, which was reported to have been cut by General Kuropatkin, is now re-established. The same authority makes the statement that although there may have been a possible interruption, it could not have lasted long nor have been serious.

The two Japanese generals are now working in conjunction along the Feng Huang Cheng road in such a manner as to make it impossible for Kuropatkin to attack either separately.

The Republican County ticket is the best and strongest one that has ever been put in the field for some time. It can be supported conscientiously, not only by the Republicans but by all the people who desire to see a wise, economical and judicious administration of County affairs. It is a sure winner.

Excursion Rates to Yachima Bay.

On June 1st the Southern Pacific Company will resume sale of Excursion tickets to Newport and Yachima Bay. Both season and Saturday-to-Monday tickets will be sold. This popular resort is growing in favor each year, hotel rates are reasonable and the opportunities for fishing, hunting and sea bathing are unequalled by any other resort on the Pacific Coast.

HON. EDWIN O. POTTER, Republican Nominee for District Judge.

Born in Irving, Lane County, Aug. 25, 1856, E. O. Potter spent his childhood and youth on his father's farm, receiving his education at the public schools and afterward at the University of Oregon, from which he graduated A. B. in 1887.

Subsequently the University conferred on him the degree of A. M. Upon the completion of the classical course he entered the law department of the University of Oregon, graduating from there in 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Law. In June of the same year he was admitted to the bar of Oregon, and immediately commenced practice in Eugene. From 1890 to 1894 he served as deputy district attorney for Lane County. In 1896 he was elected county judge, and served four years, since which time he has devoted himself to the practice of his profession. Judge Potter married, in Eugene, Miss Emily Bristol, on October 16, 1890. In his fraternal relations he is a member of Eugene Lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M., of Eugene Chapter No. 10, R. A. M., and of the Woodmen of the World.

Hon. Geo. M. Brown.

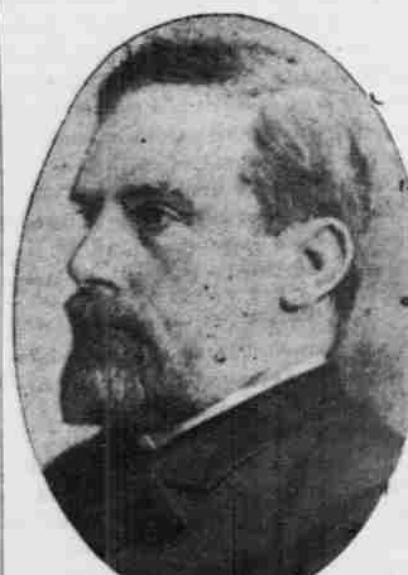
Douglas County's favorite son, who is the Republican candidate for District Attorney, was born in Douglas County, near Roseburg, May 6, 1864. After completing the course in the common schools, he entered Willamette University and graduated from that institution in 1885, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. He read law and was admitted to the bar in 1891 and immediately took rank as one of the criminal lawyers of the State. He was elected as District Attorney in 1894 and served for two years, making a reputation as a faithful, efficient and successful prosecutor which is not equalled by that of any other man who ever held a



like position in the State of Oregon. His popularity is not confined to Douglas County, nor to the members of his own political party but extends to every nook and corner of the entire district. In 1895 he married Bertha, the accomplished daughter of Capt. A. J. Bellows of this city, and no man appreciates home more than does Geo. M. Brown. The voters of this district who have an interest in seeing the laws enforced without fear and favor will see to it that he is elected District Attorney by an overwhelming majority.

Hon. Binger Hermann.

Mr. Hermann is an efficient Representative, and worthy of the support of every Republican voter in his district—and of every Democratic voter, too; for Democrats, if they could elect the Representative, could not elect one so efficient. As to politics—of course "that's different." Men in large numbers will act in politics simply from the party point of view, without regard to actual facts or conditions, or rational considerations. This is the reason why the vote in Oregon for Bryan in 1896 was much larger than that ever cast since for a Democratic candidate, and



larger than any vote likely to be cast for a Democratic candidate during the next ten years. Since the passing of the silver craze the Democratic party in Oregon has been phenomenally weak. It is able to allege no reason why it should exist,—doesn't

attempt to give any. Even its negative propositions are wholly uncertain, changing from day to day. As to Mr. Hermann, again: The Oregonian has often criticized him, because he has not been in all things as direct and "strenuous" as it has desired. Yet it knows that he has been doing excellent work in Congress, during the past session, and is more efficient than any new and unknown man possibly could be. Besides, he is a Republican and a supporter of Republican policies, and on Republican policies the prosperity of the country is established. It is ten years since there was a Democratic House of Representatives; and they who remember the conditions that prevailed in 1893-4 may well hope another ten years will elapse before there is danger, even, of another.—Oregonian.

Hon. A. C. Marsters.

Hon. A. C. Marsters, candidate for re-election to the State-Senatorship on the Republican ticket, is having a clean and dignified campaign and is being warmly received everywhere, the people generally being most favor-



ably imposed with him and who admire him for his wisdom, quiet and unassuming manner and marked ability. The Senator is a self-made man in every sense of the word, and is one of the common people, having through his thrift, enterprise and business ability built up a good remunerative business in this city. While acting in his official capacity in the upper house of the State Legislature the Senator always votes for the interests of the people. His influence and untiring effort in behalf of the co-employee labor law called forth a vote of thanks from the entire organization of railroad employees. The people of Drain have Senator Marsters to thank for the retention of the Central Oregon State Normal which they would have lost had it not been for his effort and influence. He has the respect of the people of the state for being one of but two Senators to stand out against the extremely heavy state appropriations of the past year, and he is a warm friend and supporter as well as one of the principle instigators of the Soldiers Home at Roseburg. A vote for Marsters is a vote for a true representative citizen of Douglas County, a man who will honor the position of State Senator and prove true to every trust reposed in him by his constituency. He will surely be elected.

Charles E. Roberts.

Charles E. Roberts, Republican Nominee for County Surveyor, was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, in 1867, where he resided until 9 years of age, when the family removed to Franklin County, Iowa, where he resided until the age of 19, and attended the common schools of that place. In 1885, Mr. Roberts removed with his parents to Douglas County, settling at Canyonville in the Southern part of the county, where for five years he was engaged in mining and lumbering. In 1900, Charley was appointed Deputy County Clerk, in which capacity he made many



warm friends. In 1902, he married Miss Anna Graham, a most estimable young lady of Roseburg, and was the same year elected to the office of County Surveyor. He will this year succeed himself by a large majority, as he is pleasant, always accommodating, thoroughly competent and has no enemies.

Joint Senator R. A. Booth.

Hon. R. A. Booth, Republican Candidate for Joint Senator for Douglas, Lane and Josephine Counties, is a Douglas County boy. He spent his youth and early manhood in Douglas County, and is personally known to nearly all the old residents of the county; and on account of his business relation is known now to every one in the county, old and young. Mr. Booth is a self made man, and now while yet a comparatively young man that he should attain to the position of the head of the largest manufacturing concern in the state of



Oregon speaks volumes for his business capacity as well as his tact, energy and integrity. The lumber mills of which Mr. Booth is the head are the largest employers of labor in the state; yet on account of his uniform fair dealings and courtesy towards his employees, he has merited and obtained from all their esteem and confidence. No man in Southern Oregon is better acquainted with the wants of the people; and no man in all Oregon is better able than Mr. Booth to secure legislation in their interests at Salem. Mr. Booth has no personal axe to grind, and he will be both willing and able to do more in the future for his constituents than he has been able to do in the past. In his future work in the Senate it will be found that he favors the direct primary

H. T. McCallen.

H. T. McCallen, the Republican nominee for sheriff, as well as the present deputy sheriff, is a sturdy son of old Douglas County of whom we all feel proud and are pleased to honor. His parents, now deceased, are counted among the most esteemed and honored pioneers of this section of Oregon. Mr. McCallen has already served this county for the past four years as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Parrott, and has particularly characterized himself by the close



and strict attention given the clerical department which has been under his direct supervision. Mr. McCallen is a gentleman of excellent education, being known throughout the state as an expert bookkeeper and accountant, a man of good habits and deservedly popular with the citizens throughout the county. His upright and honorable character, and his sterling honesty, added to his energy and industry are virtues combined which will make him the most efficient Sheriff that old Douglas could ever name. Be sure and cast your vote for H. T. McCallen for Sheriff.

George W. Staley, of Yoncalla.

George W. Staley, Republican Nominee for Assessor, was born in Montrose County, Iowa, in the year 1863 and came across the plains the following year, stopping in the city of Portland for three years, after which the family removed to California, returning to Oregon and settling at Yoncalla, in 1872, where they have resided since, up to last year. While

nominating bill and also measures of similar moment; and he is a man whom to know is to respect and esteem. He will favor every measure for the upbuilding of the state financially, mentally and morally and his great delight is to help along every measure having a tendency to make every man a better and more intelligent citizen. In religion he is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but he is not confined to the work of that church alone, but helps along most liberally every church enterprise which is brought to his notice. For the past three or four weeks he has been attending the

that town and engaged in mercantile business in which he has been very successful. Mr. Hasard has been Republican Committeeman for Pass Creek for the past two years, School Clerk of school Dist., No. 22 for the past three years, Clerk of Drain Camp No. 259, Woodmen of the



World for three years and Clerk of the Board of Regents for the Central Oregon State Normal School. He is also Treasurer for Mountain Lodge No. 103, I. O. O. F. He will be Clerk of Douglas County for the next two years, and the voters of Douglas County will never have cause to regret the vote cast for him in June. Mr. Hasard is a good moral man and is very careful, accurate and trustworthy.

J. S. Gray, of Gardiner.

John Sherman Gray, Republican Nominee for Representative of Douglas County, was born in Somerset County, Maine, Sept. 15, 1849. He was educated in the common schools of that county. His early life was devoted to agriculture. He was married in 1876 to Clara Adell Jewett, and has one son, Walter, aged 17



years, who is now attending the Hill Military Academy, Portland. He came to Oregon in 1883, settling at Gardiner, where he has followed the occupation of millwright. Mr. Gray is a man of upright character, and good common sense, and is highly respected in the community in which he has resided so long.

Dr. J. C. Twitcheil, of Roseburg.

Dr. J. C. Twitcheil, Republican Candidate for Coroner, was born in Manlius, N. Y., in the year 1867 and removed after two years to Shiawassee Co., Michigan where he attended school until he arrived at the age of 14 years. He removed with his parents to Cornum, Michigan, where he again entered the schools and attended three or four years. Again the family removed to Saginaw, Mich., where he graduated from the high schools. Dr. Twitcheil began the study of medicine at the age of 19 in his uncle's office at Saginaw and entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1891. He was a graduate of the class of '93, and in 1894 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Myrta A. Conklin. He practiced medicine un-



til '97 when he turned his face westward arriving that year in Roseburg where he has built up an enviable practice. His service as Coroner during the past year saved Douglas County many dollars as he used sound discretion in that capacity not putt-

ing the county to more expense than possible. The Doctor will be our next Coroner.

Geo. W. Dimmick.

Mr. Geo. W. Dimmick, generally known as our "hayseed" Treasurer, from the fact that from his retire-



ment as school teacher he has been successfully engaged in farming, is so well known throughout Douglas County that an introduction through the columns of the PLAINDEALER is unnecessary. It is sufficient to say that his past record as treasurer bears not a reproach by any one, no matter what his politics. His unquestionable honesty and strictness in the care of the Douglas County money have gained for him the confidence of all and the longer he remains in office the more friends he makes. It is safe to say that Mr. Dimmick will this year be elected Treasurer by a larger majority than that which he has ever been honored with in the past.

W. I. Vawter.

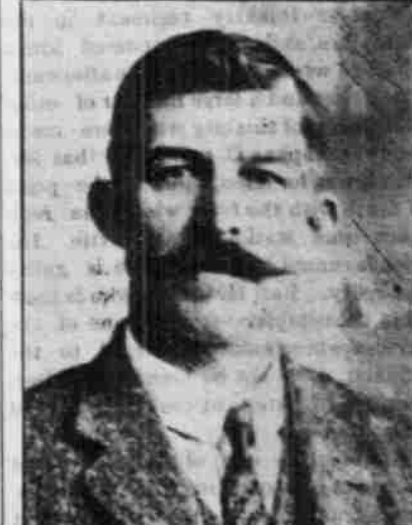
W. I. Vawter, Candidate for Joint Representative between Douglas and Jackson, is a native Oregonian—having been born in Linn County in 1863.



His parents were pioneers of 1846. He grew up on a farm. At the age of 18 he entered the State University and graduated from that institution, with honors, in 1886. He was superintendent of the Eugene schools for two years following his graduation. In 1888 he went to Medford and founded the Jackson County Bank, of which institution he is still president. For the past twelve years he has been engaged in the practice of law and has met with unqualified success. Mr. Vawter's ability and integrity is too well known to require comment. He has built himself up from a poor boy to the position of honor and confidence he now holds in his community at Medford, and we believe would represent his constituents in the legislative halls with honor to himself and to those in whose behalf he will in all probability appear at the next legislative session.

H. G. Sommernann.

Republican Nominee for Representative was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in 1864. He removed with his parents to Lincoln, Nebraska, at the age of 4 years, where he resided for 20 years, receiving a common school education at that place



but subsequently finishing his course at a night business school. From Lincoln, Mr. Sommernann moved to Salem in the year 1888, and engaged in the grocery and crockery business and remained in that capacity for

eleven years. He removed to Gledale where he now resides and established the general merchandise business of Sommernann & Klinge, assuming the business at his partner's death two years later. He still continues the business engaging largely in railroad wood contracting and the furnishing of mining supplies. Mr. Sommernann married fourteen years ago at Salem, this state, Miss Emma Ansler, and two bright girls are the result of this union. Mr. Sommernann is a man who has always been successful in business and politically has always been a firm supporter of Republican principles and policies. He is an ardent admirer of President Roosevelt. He is thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the county, and will use every endeavor to further its interests and promote its welfare. Don't forget an X after No. 36, on the official ballot on June 6th.

J. C. Young.

In his term of office as County Commissioner, Mr. J. C. Young, of Oakland, has shown himself energetic and judicious in the conduct of County business and has acquired a close knowledge of County affairs. Two years ago Mr. Young was elected by a splendid majority and if excellence in official capacity counts for anything he should be elected this year by a much larger majority and, especially so that our democratic friends forgot so far their economic principles as to fail to put a man in the field for the office. Mr. Young is a thoroughly good officer and a man whom the voters will support with the most thorough confidence.

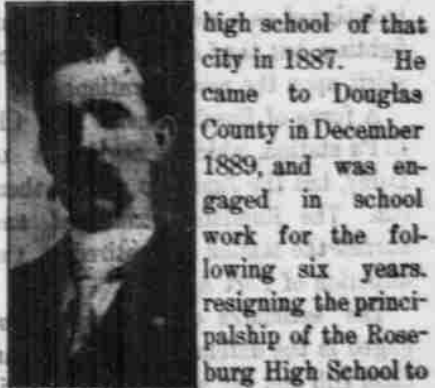
Hon. James H. Hanzbrough.

Hon. James H. Hanzbrough, whose picture appears in this issue, is not a candidate for office, but is a prominent Republican, not prominent alone among the railroad fraternity, with which he has long been affiliated as an S. P. passenger conductor, but justly popular with the people at large.

Mr. Hanzbrough was formerly joint representative from Douglas and Jackson Counties. It is altogether probable that he will be heard from later as an active political man. At present he is a firm supporter of the present republican ticket.

Capt. Frank B. Hamlin.

Republican Nominee for County Superintendent of the public schools of Douglas County, is at present acting faithfully in that capacity. Patriotic and public spirited, he served with bravery and distinction in the Spanish-American war, being a faithful and efficient officer of the regiment with which he was connected. He was born November 6th, 1863, in McPherson Madison County, Iowa, and removed to California with his parents in 1875. Captain Hamlin received his early education in the schools of San Louis Obispo, being



graduated from the high school of that city in 1887. He came to Douglas County in December 1889, and was engaged in school work for the following six years, resigning the principalship of the Roseburg High School to enlist in Company

A, Second Regiment O. N. G., and went to the Philippine Islands, where he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He is now captain of the 1st Separate Battalion, O. N. G. When Capt. Hamlin left Roseburg for the Philippine Islands he was the Republican Nominee for County Superintendent and was elected while enroute at Honolulu. Not being able to qualify, however, he did not serve the office, but was subsequently elected, upon his return to Oregon, to his present position, in 1900, by a majority of 400 votes. Captain Hamlin has under his supervision 134 schools scattering over a territory of 5,000 square miles. Captain and Mrs. Hamlin are parents of two children, namely, Virgil L. and John Nellis.

Politically, Captain Hamlin is a staunch Republican, ever true to the interests of his party and the people. Fraternally he is a member, and manager, of the Woodmen of the World; a member and regent of the Royal Arcanum; and a member and past master artisan of the United Artisans. He is also a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans, belonging to the Percy Willis Camp, of which he was the first commander.