

Wonder if the recent management of the Democratic primaries in Ashland precinct won't make its mark upon the vote next Monday?

John Kelley, the great Tammany leader, who for many years has been a prominent figure and an almost dictatorial power in national politics, through the influence of the organization which he controlled, died at his home in New York City last Tuesday afternoon, after a long and wasting illness.

The President's approaching marriage is still the absorbing topic of interest to the press reporters. Miss Folsom arrived in New York last week, and the President visited her on Monday—and the reporters double discount a country gossip in their eagerness for little bits of information concerning the matter.

No citizen who has heard the welfare of Jackson county can afford to cast his vote for the re-election of an official who, not satisfied with the ample compensation allowed him by law for his services, has deliberately set at naught the statutes of Oregon and extorted from the county large sums in excess of what is due him.

The TIMES do not encourage or favor the too common custom of giving free rein to party or personal rancor in the official campaign. It is as reprehensible then as at any other time. Facts carefully ascertained and calmly stated are what the people want. Everyone is apt to be led away from sound judgment by the firing of old prejudices, which it is the duty of good citizenship to suppress and obliterate as far as possible.

The TIMES in the present campaign has been obliged in expressing its convictions upon issues of vital importance to the people of this county and of this judicial district to give occasion in a few instances for the breaking of ties of personal friendship and business interests, but it could not have done otherwise without a cowardly desertion of its position as a champion of what it sees to be in the interests and welfare of the people, of right and of justice.

When it is shown by the record that an officer of the county—a "servant of the people"—has been abusing the trust placed in him and in return for the favors and profferment of his fellow citizens has been systematically fleecing the county and its private citizens to increase the ample compensation which the law provides for his services, the county committee of the party who re-nominated him should take the responsibility of placing another man on the ticket in his stead, or of declaring that position vacant on their ticket.

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CHARGING ILLEGAL FEES.

On the first page of this issue of the TIMES is copied a statement made by the Republican County Central Committee of Jackson County to the effect that W. H. Parker, the present clerk of the county, and a candidate for re-election to that position, has been regularly and systematically charging the county more for his services than the law prescribes. Of the bills allowed and ordered paid, and now on file among the papers of the county they submit copies of five, aggregating in amount over \$900, and of this amount they submit evidence that a certain proportion of each bill is an over-charge. The county central committee are responsible citizens of Jackson county, Messrs. W. H. Atkinson of Ashland, M. Bellinger of Jacksonville, B. F. Miller of Gold Hill, J. S. Howard of Medford, N. S. Drew of Applegate and C. C. Low of Phoenix. It is presumed that these gentlemen issuing the printed statement of this matter were satisfied of the correctness of the transcript of the bills presented. Following the bills is given in full that portion of the statute which regulates the fees of the county clerk of this county. With the facts and the law before him, any man can examine the matter for himself, and see whether or not the clerk has been charging more than he is allowed by law. If he has been doing so it is right and proper that the facts be known to the public, and it is the duty of this journal and every other journal in the county to publish the facts. We give them as they are presented by the Republican county central committee, and have no reason to doubt their correctness. No man of responsibility and standing would presume to press a bogus copy of records, and at a trick or deception were intended the publication would not have been made an entire week before election day and at once circulated and submitted to those against whom charges are made. The facts would better have been ascertained and published long ago, but while they come late in the campaign, there was still ample time for a reply through the columns of all the papers of the county this week, and the statements made are of such a character that they bear upon their face the stamp of genuineness. If the bills have not been correctly copied, or if the law has not been correctly quoted, then it is easy to show the error or falsity. The county clerk has the records in his own office, and every attorney's and nearly every justice's office in the county contains copies of the state laws. There is no mystery about the business, unless it is in the indefinite manner in which the bills against the county were made out by the clerk. This itself is enough to condemn Mr. Parker's manner of conducting the business of his office. Every item in his bills against the county should be so made out that there can be no mistake as to just what it was, and no opportunity afforded for errors of duplication and over charging. The income of the county clerk's office is ample without the least attempt at stretching or doubling up the fees, and the present condition of our county—debit ridden and overtaxed—makes any evidence of extravagance or excess in bills against the county peculiarly exasperating to the taxpayers. If an official thus shown to have made excessive charges against the county is re-elected to the office of the county clerk, he will have no longer a right to complain of the big debt and its consequent heavy taxation.

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THE TIMES IN ITS LAST ISSUE endeavored to state the meaning of what the TIMES said of the qualities and methods upon which Mr. Neil depends for success in his practice as a criminal lawyer, and says: "Hence the necessity of having a 'good criminal lawyer on the bench, whose rulings on the trial of a criminal case cannot be taken to the Supreme Court and reversed four times out of five, and sent back to be again tried at double the expense of the first trial.' This is a most unjust innuendo against the ability of Judge Webster, but the TIMES takes good care not to present the record of the court in this matter, so that readers may judge for themselves whether it is a good one or not. The fact is that no judge in the state can show a better record than Judge Webster. Since he has been on the bench there have come up before the courts in the First Judicial District eight murder cases in which the charge has been made in the first degree, a much larger number than ever occurred before under the incumbency of any one judge, besides this there has been also a large number of criminal cases of lesser weight, and of all the number appealed from this district in this time only one case—that of Mackey—has been sent back for re-trial. Compare this record with that of the ablest judges in our own and neighboring states, and it will be seen that if the taxpayers of this district consent that their own interests they will vote to keep on the bench the judge who has so admirably succeeded in his part in an economical administration of the law. The objection of the TIMES that Judge Webster had not made a record as an attorney in the district before being placed upon the bench has little force in the face of the fact that he has a record as a judge, one with which the people of his district are satisfied—a record which should and will attract to his support the great majority of voters in the district who want purity, ability and honesty in our courts.

Dr. E. P. Gray is making friends rapidly in his political canvass, and many Democrats will cast their ballots for him next Monday, believing that it is better to have an active, able representative of the county interests at the state capital than to send another kind of man there simply to represent the party idea.

America's greatest Chief Justice, Marshall, said: "I have always thought from my earliest youth till now that the greatest scourge an angry heaven can inflict upon an ungrateful and sinning people was an ignorant, a corrupt, or a dependent judiciary."

That day has passed. (Public county funds.) In politics, as in everything else, it is policy to present the "sassa-belli" truthfully, for the common walks of life are replete with men who do their own thinking and reading. The day was when the voter was lying in the shade and sold, when he was a parrot and like "dumb cattle driven" to the polls. That day is past, never to return, and the parties who created the party ship and manipulated the voters have been ordered to the rear; it takes no great amount of brains to see this.

LETTER LIST. Following is a list of uncollected letters remaining in the Post Office at Ashland, Oregon, June 1, 1886.

Another Reduction. We have reduced our prices again on stoves and can give lower figures than any other dealers in Ashland.

Pasture to Let. Good pasture to let on the Bowers place at the foot of Oak Street, Ashland. Apply to the undersigned. JOHN REAR, Ashland, Or., July 30, 1885.

Pasture to Let. Pasture to let on the Hargaline ranch at \$1 per head per month. Apply to A. T. KYLE, Jr., or George W. Hargaline, Ashland, Or., April 16, 1885.

A Rare Bargain. Two acres of land on Granite street, set in a variety of the best fruit trees and berries. Place will produce enough fruit for several families. Good house and out buildings for sale. Apply to WILLARD & EVANS, Ashland, Or.

PROPRIETARY MEDICINE

DYSPEPSIA. Sedentary habits, mental worry, nervous excitement, excess of laundries in eating or drinking, and various other causes, induce Constipation followed by general derangement of the liver, kidneys, and stomach, in which the disorder of each organ increases the difficulty of the other.

Ayer's Pills. Never fail to relieve the bowels and promote their healthful and regular action, and thus cure Dyspepsia. Temporary irritations all do permanent harm. The life activity into which the enfeebled stomach is hurried by "drugs," and alcoholic stimulants, is inevitably followed by reaction that leaves the organs weaker than before.

AYER'S PILLS, PREPARED BY Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists.

OVERLAND TO CALIFORNIA. Oregon & California R. R. and Connections. TIME 21 DAYS.

ASHLAND FLOURING MILLS. Champion Machines Take the Lead.

THE BAIN WAGONS ARE THE BEST In the Market. Prices Way Down for the Season of '86.

ASHLAND MILLS FLOUR EXCELS ALL OTHER. Call and see my stock at the Ashland Mills.

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GENERAL MERCHANDISE—GROCERIES—ETC.

The undersigned hereby respectfully announce to the public that from this date they propose to sell goods

For Cash and for Cash Only! "The credit system must go." Cash prices means lower prices.

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REAL ESTATE—MANUFACTURING—ETC.

LATEST RETURNS Indicate that the Real Estate market is improving. Prices firm, and Sales increasing.

BUY NOW And save the advance. One 10 Acre tract ready for the plow, for \$1,000.

PLEASE REMEMBER That ACRE property near Ashland has steadily ADVANCED in prices and the end is not yet.

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C. T. HARRIS & CO., Real Estate, Mining Commission Agents, Auctioneers and Appraisors.

J. B. PACE Consumers Beware!

The Bank of Ashland. SIR WALTER, JR.

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