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KEEP GOOD MEN IN OFFICE.

Within a few weeks the republican convention will assemble at Astoria for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices.

The Astorian is not inclined to be bitterly partisan in municipal and county elections, and believes, with most people, that politics should be more or less a small factor in such elections.

We desire at this time to call particular attention to one of our prominent county officials, whose administration of an important office has been highly satisfactory and successful, and who is richly deserving of re-election.

An efficient public official is a blessing, and it should be the aim of the public to keep him in office. Sheriff Linville has now been in office for about five years, having been appointed to fill the lamented Sheriff Williams' unexpired term and twice elected afterwards.

Sheriff Linville is not much of the politician. He treats everyone alike and is honest and conscientious at all times. We believe he is the best available man for the republican nomination, and that he should be the unanimous choice of the convention.

SALARIES OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS.

Senator Gallinger introduced in the senate a few days ago a bill increasing the salaries of the executive officers of the government and also of the members of both branches of the federal congress.

each, with \$12,000 for the speaker of the house.

There ought to be no objection to the increase proposed for the executive officers of the government, says the Ledger. Cabinet officers in particular are now under paid. A salary of \$8,000 a year was doubtless adequate when it was fixed by congress, but times have changed and the expense of living in Washington is vastly different from what it was a few decades ago.

The treasury portfolio is the most responsible financial position in the country. Mr. Gage left the presidency of the First National Bank of Chicago and after four or five years at Washington accepted the presidency of a large trust company in New York.

There is no such glaring incongruity between the salaries paid and services rendered by members of congress. Nevertheless, it is expensive to live at Washington, and few, if any, congressmen more than cover their actual disbursements with the salary allowed by the government.

The difficulty of capturing such a place as Port Arthur through naval attack recalls memory of one of the many inventions of the great Dundonald. That extraordinary genius devised a "secret war plan" which, he declared, would within four hours annihilate Sebastopol or Cronstadt, and he offered it to the British government for such use in the Crimean war.

Peter the Great said: "He who has only an army fights with only one hand. He who has also a navy fights with both hands." Therefore he built the Russian fleet. In the loss of her east Asia fleet Russia will be doomed to fight the war through with one hand against a two-handed opponent, unless the war shall prove to be a long one.

Among the neutral fleets in the far east the British is first, the American a good second, and there is no third. France, Germany and Italy have fine squadrons of cruisers there, but not a single battleship while we have three of the most powerful battleships ever built.

The Astorian desires to extend its congratulations to the ladies of the public library, who have now placed themselves in certain position to receive \$70 monthly for the maintenance of the institution.

The sea wall should be built now. To defer the improvement will add to the expense and inconvenience of the undertaking. It's the greatest proposition ever put before the people of Astoria for their advancement, and the property owners should display the proper spirit.

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