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Joseph R. Whitney's Claims For Re-Nomination.

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The probabilities are that Joseph R. Whitney, the present incumbent of the office of State Printer will have no opposition at the April primaries, nor in the party field at any time. This is as it should be.

Mr. Whitney has given the State the benefit of his complete equipment for the office, and has done it at the least cost possible with the proper conduct of this important branch of the public service. The post is one that requires an adept at the forefront of its administration and this he is in every sense of the word, the volume and character of the output being tangible and indisputable evidence of his professional fitness for the position. It is the better part of politics to continue the tenure of such a public servant, rather than to break in upon the good work that is being accomplished, and which means so much in the broad field of the State's requirements.

If there were any expediency in considering the election of a new man in this relation, or if party exigencies demanded another candidate, or if there were others seeking the office with claims upon the people that could not be ignored, then perhaps his re-nomination might be questioned, but as none of these conditions exist, and he has given irreproachable service for the four years he has been there, no reasonable cause exists for obstructing his nomination and election for another term of administration.

His good faith in party matters is one of the traditions of the Republican party in Oregon. He has never been known to do, nor say, a thing that brought the shadow of hazard upon its policies or people, nor has his record, in office and out of it, an atom of reproach attached to it from any source or cause. He is clean, capable, and proven, three imperative attributes demanded by all parties and especially by the Republican party of Oregon.

There is, therefore, every reason for his being put back as the head of the great printery and this recognition of fidelity and personal equipment is in strict accord with Republican principles, the cardinal, actuating doctrine of which, is the due and wholesome recompense of its best and ablest servants and representatives.

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THE JOLLY AMERICAN TRAMP.

From the Oregonian the following is clipped regarding the coming of "The Jolly American Tramp" to Fisher's next Monday, as a New Year attraction.

The antics of Happy Jack Potter, the "Jolly American Tramp," who is paying a call at the Empire this week, kept the large audience of that playhouse in a perfect uproar of laughter during the entire performance at yesterday's matinee, and did such astonishing things with his legs and muscles that it seemed for a while that he would tie himself in an indefinitely hard knot. The comedy has enough of the sterner sorrows of life interwoven in its four acts to furnish much heart interest, and the fortunes of little Flo, portrayed by Bertine Farnsworth, are followed with deep interest, both by Happy Jack and by the audience. The work of Virginia Melville as Delia Dooley, the trusty servant and friend in need stands out as the best individual showing and was fully appreciated by the critical audience. Her song, "Mary Ann," met with the entire approbation of the gallery, which beat time to the chorus in most approved fashion. Clark Ross, as the tramp, did some excellent dancing and specialty work, and little Flo, under his training as an ex-circus performer, was also entertaining in songs and specialties.

The "Jolly American Tramp" proves himself the friend and protector of a child who is at the mercy of an unscrupulous stepfather. Her mother is supposed to be dead until the detective of the insurance company, which paid the father a large policy on her life, unearths the fact that she is still living, imprisoned on the upper floor of the family home, and succeeds in liberating her and restoring her to her daughter, recovering the money paid out on the

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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Liquor License.—City Treasurer Dealy yesterday received \$400 on a liquor license.

Has Intentions.—Baste Satre, a native of Norway has intentions along the line of American citizenship and made a formal declaration of them yesterday before County Clerk Clinton.

Take Oath.—All the newly elected city officers have now taken the oath of office. Police Commissioner Hansen and Alderman Robinson having been given the oath yesterday by City Auditor Anderson.

Snow All Along.—The local river steamers report snow from one-half inch to two inches in depth from Goble to Brookfield, all along the Columbia, the greater depth being of course in the hills back from the water line.

Council to Meet.—The new city council will hold their first meeting next Monday noon and immediately adjourn until Tuesday noon, Monday being a legal holiday. On Tuesday the new mayor will deliver his message and name the usual committees.

Has Been Committed.—The eighteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Sorenson, at Cathlamet, was yesterday adjudged insane by the authorities there, and was being held for the attendants from the O. S. I. A. at Salem who had been dispatched to take him to the capital.

Football New Year's.—On New Year's day the Owapupun football eleven will meet the West Astoria aggregation in this city for what will probably be the final football contest of the season. Both teams are said to be practicing hard for the game and a warm game will doubtless be played.

Sale Concluded.—The sale of property for the recovery of delinquent taxes, 1904, and penalties, was opened yesterday morning by Sheriff Linville and was concluded by 3 o'clock. Most of the property was bid in by the county though several bidders were present from Portland and elsewhere.

Day Appointed.—John Stephenson's "day in court" has been set. The attorneys for prosecution and defense last evening decided to hold the examination before Justice Goodman on Wednesday of next week, January 3rd. The case has many points of interest and the preliminary trial will be largely attended.

Mandates Here.—Mandates in affirmation of the two following named cases were received here by County Clerk Clinton yesterday from the Supreme Court: In Re Charlotte Grimberg, appellant, versus Columbia River Packers' Association; An In Re Reid, Murdock & Co., appellants, versus Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company.

All In One Day.—Johan W. Carlson, of Clifton, secured a marriage license from County Clerk Clinton yesterday authorizing his wedding to Miss Rosa Adampole, of the same place, and armed with this document hunted up County Judge C. J. Trenchard and engaged his services in rounding out the high and happy contract. Judge Trenchard performed the ceremony about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. Carlson returned to Clifton on the evening express.

On Official Rounds.—State Labor Commissioner J. P. Hoff was in the city yesterday on a tour of inspection of the plants and factories here and hereabout, and expressed himself as well satisfied with the care taken, generally, by owners and employers, for the safe-guarding of employees in mills, factories and canneries of Clatsop county. He visited Seaside in the afternoon and went through the Seaside Spruce Lumber Company's plant, finding all as it should be. He returns to the capital from here.

Shifting Titles.—Two transfers of realty titles were recorded at the county clerk's office yesterday: Isaac C. Langford and wife to Irving C. Langford, warranty deed, consideration \$1; conveying the E. 1-2 of S. E. 1-4 of Section 28, Tp. 5 N. R. 10 West; H. G. Van Dusen, administrator of the estate of Alfred H. Stone, deceased to William R. McHaffie, consideration \$1700, conveying lots 8 and 9 in section 6; S. 1-2 N. E. 1-4, N. 2 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 and lots 1 and 5, section 8, Tp. 8, N. R. 7 W. and lot 4, Tract C, block 5, and twenty lots in Olney's addition to Astoria

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Seal sale opens tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock, at Hoeflers.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

H. E. Noble, of Portland, is visiting in the city for a brief time.

A. Bunzn of Seattle, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

O. H. Belknap, of Chinook, was in town yesterday on business.

George A. Simpson, of Portland, is in the city this week on business.

W. B. Young, of Chenewith, was a business visitor in town yesterday.

N. P. Coulter, of South Bend, was in town for a business visit yesterday.

O. A. Rosendahl, a resident of Chinook spent yesterday in town on business.

A. M. Brown arrived here yesterday from Gray's River to remain a few days.

O. C. O'Hagen, a resident of Ilwaco, is spending a few days with friends in town.

George Sold, Jr., of Knappa, was in town a short time yesterday on business.

H. E. Wilson of Newport, is in town this week attending to business interests.

Miss Silverman, of Skamokawa, visited friends in the city yesterday for a brief time.

H. W. Smith arrived in the city yesterday for a short visit, from his home at Ilwaco.

Miss McDonough of Pillar Rock, spent a short time with friends in the city yesterday.

B. F. Coffey arrived here yesterday from his home at Hammond to transact important business.

G. L. Colwill went to Ilwaco yesterday to look after his lumbering and property interests there.

The Salem press announces the presence there on Christmas and since, of Professor J. W. Kester, principal of Astoria's Alderbrook school.

Captain Fred Lewis, who left this city for the Klondike country in 1898, returned here yesterday from Alaska and is now visiting his mother. He tried hard to make it in time for Christmas, but is just as welcome.

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Any phase of hunger can be daintily gratified at any hour of the day or night at the Palace Restaurant. The kitchen and dining room service are of the positive best. Private dining rooms for ladies. Or call inspires regular custom. Try it. Commercial street, opposite Page building.

Hot drinks and sandwiches at Hoeflers.

Go To Idaho.—After waiting patiently in this city for two weeks vainly watching for an opportunity to go to sea on the steamer Sue H. Elmore so that they might be made husband and wife, J. T. Miller, a young man in the employ of the Willamette Pulp and Paper Company at Oregon City, and his fair cousin, Miss Lena Miller, finally gave up hope of ever getting married if they waited until "Old Neptune" quieted down, and left yesterday morning for Idaho where they will be married, as the law in that State does not prohibit first cousins from marrying. The young couple have the best wishes of the whole community that their nuptial efforts will be crowned with success.

Among the Missing.—No trace has been found of Harry Lamb who so mysteriously disappeared from Altoona on Christmas day, though every avenue of available information has been exhausted. The theory that he has been drowned because the last seen of him was on the Altoona dock, is no more tenable than the other theory that he took a boat either up or down the river, on the same hypothesis. It is not necessary, nor certain, that he is dead; and it is hoped yet, by his friends, that he may report in good shape.

Do you wish to study the piano? Piano harmony and history of music taught at Miss Tawney's studio. 502 Commercial. Fulton building. Phone Black 2146.

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Mrs. Tilda Anderson, massage. 1476 Grand Avenue. Given either at home or will call.

The Little Book Store for sale.

CLOSING OUT SALE. On the fifteenth of November, the entire stock of goods at the Little Book Store, will be put on sale at cost. Christmas bargains in books, stationery novelties, etc. 174 Tenth street.

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YOUR NEXT.

Never have to wait long at the Occident Barber Shop. A. E. Petrasen, proprietor.

MOVED AND READY. Charles Heilborn & Co., have moved into their new store and make the announcement that they are now open for business and are ready to fill all orders promptly.

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