

**DO NOT FAIL TO VOTE.**

important that every voter should be at the polls Monday. The main issue at stake is one of national importance, and though it has been upon once the minority feel it is still a live issue and that the full silver force united, as supposed to be now in this they have a chance to win a...

These people can expect a change in the vote of two ago is difficult to see. No reasons have been presented people should endorse the free silver 16 1. The arguments were ably presented in 1896. There has been no accession of em politicians or economists to silver ranks during the past years.

Let men of ability and fitness be our officers whether it serves the private ends of any partisan sheet. Support those men whose principles do not turn over with every change of occupation. The issue is the same now as two years ago. Only by voting for the men who stand for sound principles can sound principles be upheld.

**AS TO THE JUDGE.**

KINGS VALLEY, Ore.

EDITOR OF THE UNION:—I beg to be allowed to say a few words in regard to the race for county judge. The Times, and perhaps others following its lead, tries to create the impression that the office requires a lawyer to attend to its duties. Those who have had much business with that official, or are conversant with the manner in which the office is conducted, know the reverse is true. In the past it has been filled mostly by lawyers and they would always, in business requiring the advice or services of a lawyer, tell you to employ one. They always refuse to assume the duties of your attorney and of county judge at the same time, a rule which is obviously the correct one and directly opposite to what the Times wishes to make the voters believe.

Other counties have judges who are not lawyers, who manage the affairs of the county as well as where a lawyer fills the office, and in many cases better.

What the voters should desire, and all thinking taxpayers do desire, is a careful, methodical, safe, business man in the office as Mr. Woodward is known to be and not a chronic office seeker like Mr. Bryan, who made a failure in the only office to which he has been elected. It is notorious that he has no business ideas or methods requisite for managing the affairs of the county. A man who can't manage his own affairs successfully cannot be trusted to do better with public matters. Moreover, Mr. Woodward is a taxpayer and our interests in the county are also his, while his opponent pays no tax and has no more interest in the welfare of the county than the taxpayers than any other floating voter in the county.

I have no motive in writing this as a democrat or a republican, only as a taxpayer and a desire to see the affairs of the county fairly and economically administered. Therefore I appeal to the common sense and good judgment of the voters, and the taxpayers especially, to consider well the interests of the county on June 6th, in not only this but all other offices to be voted for, and I feel sure if they do so Mr. Woodward will be elected by a handsome majority.

**TAXPAYER**

The first duty of a civilized man is to perform those functions which lie at the foundation of citizenship. Among these is the exercise of the right of suffrage, perhaps the most important, and no good citizen should neglect to perform this duty.

Send your orders for job printing to the Union office.

The public welfare depends in a large measure upon the efficiency of the prosecuting attorney. The duty of this officer includes the prosecution of all those offenders who commit crimes or misdemeanors against the public peace. The best interests of the individual correspond with the best interests of the public and it is for the welfare of both that this officer be one of experience, ability and trustworthiness. It is best that we have in this place a man who is in close touch with the methods employed by our best attorneys in the work that falls to this office. We want a man also who is always active and aggressive in the conduct of his official duties. We want a man who will bring the matters that come before him for action promptly into court, and press them to a finish without unnecessary delay and expense. Such a one is Geo. M. Brown, whom many of our people had the pleasure of meeting a week or two ago and of whom many more know only from past experience that he is the best of officials. With Mr. Brown in the district attorney's office the enviable reputation of our district for efficient service and economical expenditure will be continued for another two years.



W. H. LEEDS.

W. H. Leeds, candidate for state printer on the republican ticket, is the present incumbent of this office. Mr. Leeds is a printer of the old school and has had many years experience in the work. He has shown himself to be a careful, courteous, accommodating and efficient officer. During the late legislative fiasco Mr. Leeds gave pains-taking attention to the work that was sent to his office as he has also done during the whole term of his incumbency. The work turned out from the state printing office during the past four years has been of excellent quality, typographically and otherwise. It should be remembered that the careful conduct of this office means the saving of thousands of dollars to the state. That the office has been economically and efficiently administered is amply proven by the official records for the period. Personally, Mr. Leeds is a most admirable man; popular wherever known and a man in all respects that will reflect credit on the state while in an official position in Salem as well as while engaged in his own private field of work. The voters of these two counties may rest assured that, when they cast a vote for Mr. Leeds, they are protecting the state against any scandals in the office of state printer and that the printing will be done as economically as the efficiency of the office will permit.

**FOR A STRICT JUDGE.**

A correspondent in the Coquille Herald (populist) has the following to say concerning a prominent candidate in this district: "A. C. Woodcock, the nominee for circuit judge on the republican ticket, it will be remembered served four years as a member of the state board of equalization from this district. As a member of that board he was instrumental in making the large property owners of Multnomah county pay their just proportion of the state taxes. It will be remembered how he maintained this action of the board under the fire of the Oregonian."

He was also instrumental in having the board raise the assessment on mortgages in Multnomah county to their real value and to the same value placed on them by the other counties. He was the prime mover in securing a raise of 25 per cent on the assessment of railroad rolling stock in this state. In selecting a man for circuit judge, it is the general belief that qualification should be above politics, and that a judge should be in a position to be entirely independent and unbiased."

**A LESSON IN COUNTY FINANCES.**

This is the Times' way of doing business with the county:

| YEAR. | VAL.    | TAX.    | PAID               |
|-------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| 1893  | \$1,638 | \$42.60 | unpaid             |
| 1894  | 481     | 30.2-   | \$31.33 paid       |
| 1895  | 430     | 39.54   | paid Feb. 16 1897. |
| 1896  | 440     | 43.35   | paid Jan'y 1898.   |
| 1897  | 600     | 31.80   | unpaid             |

Although it receives warrants from Benton county each month for printing, yet it lets its taxes remain unpaid from two to five years. And though the court has time and again requested the sheriff to sell the property for delinquent taxes, it has not been done. This Times institution pays its taxes when it pleases, or not at all, according to its pleasure. On outstanding warrants, which these taxes, had they been promptly paid, would have canceled, the county has been obliged to pay 8 per cent. It also pays 8 per cent on the warrants issued the Times in payment of its bills. This great organ which manifests such an interest in the dear people, and especially in the farmer, has a plan by which it bleeds the taxpayer coming and going. It's now asking for re-election. Do you propose to heed its request? Though the Times plant is assessed at \$1,000 its proprietor boasts that the press alone cost \$2,500, and this is only a small part of the plant. Why is such discrimination in assessment made in favor of a newspaper and who makes it? If you vote to support this sheet in its outrageous practices, they do not longer complain of extravagant county expenses.

Wool Wanted. O. V. Hurt wants to buy your wool. Highest market price.

**It's a Stuffed Report.**

A report has been circulated recently in the western part of the county, a gaging Supt. Denman with sending certain examination questions to the teacher of one of the schools of Blodgett valley a few weeks before the examination, the said questions being those used by the graduating class in their examination for the county graduation diploma under the county classification? Such a charge is not only untrue, but is an insult to every teacher in the county. By so charging, the integrity and character of each teacher is assailed. Under the present plan, the questions for the examinations are not mailed at all to the teacher. The superintendent is present in person and the questions never leave his hand until they are used in the examination. In fact, each list of questions is a new one, and the same list is never used twice. After the examinations, the old questions that have been used are occasionally mailed, by request, to teachers desiring them for drill and review work for the pupils. The questions referred to by the report, were those that had been used by the pupils from the Barclay school in their examination. It was hardly necessary to answer such a ridiculous charge. Supt. Denman's record as a Supt. of our county for the past two years, is sufficient argument to condemn such a charge as untrue. It is simply done to show how eager some persons are to complain and find fault.

**Bicycle Meeting.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Benton Road Club will be held at the county court room Saturday evening, June 4th, at 8:30. Matters connected with the further extension of the path will be discussed, and all are earnestly requested to be present.

NEAL V. MURRAY, Secretary.

**Red Cross Society.**

All patriotic ladies of Corvallis and vicinity are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. Simon L. Kline Saturday, June 4th, at 4 p. m. to perfect an organization. We have a fine donation from the patriotic gentlemen of Corvallis as a foundation to begin work with.

Be wise! Have Vogle fit your eyes.

**Prunes for Sale.**

E. C. Rose has for sale, at his fruit and tobacco store near the post office, several hundred pounds of dried Italian prunes. He will sell them at retail at three cents a pound.

O. V. Hurt will buy your wool.

**Harness and Saddles.**

We are still doing business at the old stand. We did a larger business last year than was done by the house for 10 years before, and our business is still increasing. We use nothing but the very best California leather, and we keep constantly on hand a full stock of light and heavy harness, and the best stock of saddles in the city. Call and get our prices and examine our goods. We keep nothing but the best. J. M. CAMERON.

**Notice to Bridge-Builders.**

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Benton County, Ore., will receive bids for the construction of a bridge across Marys River, near the home of S. K. Brown, Jr., at the June term of said court. Said bridge to be of the same size and plan as the old bridge now there. The rods in the old bridge may be used in the construction of the new one if practicable. Said bridge to be completed on or before July 1, 1898, and when completed and accepted by the county court to be paid for in county orders. Bids to be opened June 8, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m. and the court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. VIRGIL E. WATERS, Clerk.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR. Notice is hereby given that the following named seller has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before county clerk of Benton Co., Corvallis, Oregon, on

July 28, 1898.

viz: Abner P. Gables, H. E. \$770 for the W. 4 of Sec. 18, T. 15 S., R. 7 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Yantis, of Summit, Or.; John Harrison, of Summit, Or.; Nathan Howard, of Blodgett, Or.; Halver Harrison, of Summit, Or. CHAS. B. MOORE, Register.

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FORMERLY THE BAY VIEW HOUSE.

Will be conducted in first-class style at reasonable rates by the present proprietor. The house will be open all summer, and special rates will be made for invalids and others wanting to spend the summer months at the seaside.

**MRS. NELLIE CAMPBELL.**

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- W. E. CLARK.
- N. E. NEWTON.
- GEO. W. DENMAN.
- Wm. KNOTT.
- GEO. MERCER.
- DR. L. G. ALTMAN.
- E. R. BRYSON.
- H. CARVER.

**EDITORIAL BUSINESS.**

The Gazette, a newspaper owned by the Hogs, a people of unsavory railroad reputation, managed and edited by a renegade democrat, and a republican sheet by "affirmation" only, assails the candidacy of Mr. Daly simply because, as its managers have openly stated on the streets of Corvallis, the existence of the Union interferes with the business of the Gazette, and if they can defeat Mr. Daly the Union will quit business. As to the Union, it will continue business whether any one, or all, or none of the republican candidates are elected. It is here to stay and not alone by "affirmation."

As to the use of money for buying votes, the Union has no knowledge of any such coming into the county, but the Gazette, assuming that Mr. Daly was to be endorsed by outside influences, sought to sell to the campaign committee for a certain consideration, the use of its columns in support of Mr. Daly. Not being able to make a bargain to this end, it has seen fit to oppose him.

**COUNTY BOOKS BADLY KEPT.**

Some few weeks ago the Times published the statement that the county owes the city over \$1400, the exact amount not known, due on account of delinquent tax sales and redemptions. It is the business of the officers at the court house to keep the account in such shape that a citizen, or at least, that a corporation as large as our city, should be able to find out what the balances are and on which side of the ledger they stand.

What does this state of affairs mean to the taxpayer? Simply this: two experts must be employed, one by the city, another by the county for the purpose of finding out from a badly confused set of accounts how much back taxes the city is entitled to. And from our experience with experts in the past this means an expense of \$800 to \$1000 to our taxpayers.

Would it not be well to devote a little thought to the matter of ability on the part of candidates for the office work that will fall to them when elected. We pay enough for this work. Let us have it done by men who understand how to keep