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A NOMINEE FOR SHERIFF.

THE NOMINATION of a man of the character and standing of Tom Word for the office of sheriff of this county shows an encouraging appreciation of the demands of the public.

But the nomination of Mr. Word is quite another matter. He is a Democrat in politics, and always has been, but above and before all that he is a man who from all reports of him will do his duty as he sees it and will run his office as he has run his business.

A MATTER OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

IT IS HIGH TIME that the public bodies and the people of Portland began to look with real seriousness on the question of the improvement of the Columbia river.

Then came the time when Mr. Moody succeeded in getting through an appropriation for the Cello canal which would open the Columbia river to unobstructed navigation for 450 miles.

can we hope to have the canal completed so that its benefits may be realized within the next score of years. The amount now available for prosecuting the work which was begun last year on the jetty at the mouth of the river is \$850,000.

Brethren, it is high time that we got busy. We have long been face to face with this vital proposition, but we have allowed things to drift.

GOOD MEN WHO DESERVE REELECTION.

ANYTHING which tends toward better government and any movement which seeks to give further honors to public servants who have earned them will always receive the hearty endorsement of The Journal.

There are reasons, such as can scarcely be overlooked, why Judge Moore should receive a large and complimentary vote. He is not only now an excellent judge, having grown in his position, as all men fit for high positions do, when large and heavy responsibilities are laid upon them, but he is, in spite of his judiciousness and he cannot help himself and does not try—a very popular and likeable man personally.

Small Change

Who will reform the tariff? Cook Robin. Pretty soon, strawberries; get your mouths ready.

It seems that, the smaller a party is, the easier it splits. Congress will adjourn without doing its plain duty, as usual.

Government ownership of railroads is evidently coming and fast. By the way, isn't Jim Ham Lewis coming to the front, somehow?

If New Jersey, as reported, is for Parker, how should the west be? The courts are all right, good; but the people are above even the courts.

People, people, people; the right sort of people that is what Oregon needs. It's up to the people of western Oregon to see whether they respect themselves or not.

Summer came way ahead of time, but only for a short preliminary visit. Spring will have her season yet.

The American people want to know two things about a candidate: where he stands, and whether he means it.

The more the Democrats fight, the more votes they turn out; this is a saying, but perhaps it won't apply now.

Root, Odell, Taft and Fairbanks are already contesting for the Republican nomination for president in 1908.

The average price of votes in the New York legislature on any bill with the boot in it—and most of them are of that kind—is \$10,000. They have adopted the Missouri style. And thus are we governed!

NATIONAL CAPITAL STORIES.

From the New York World. At the dinner of the Periodical Publishers' association last night the toastmaster established a 10-minute rule for some speakers and a 5-minute rule for others.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke's speech at this dinner was the hit of the evening. Dr. Van Dyke was giving advice to young and aspiring authors on how to get their work accepted by various magazines.

President Roosevelt laughed so much at this quatrain that it looked for a moment as if he would fall out of his chair.

CORPSE SMILED A WEEK.

Somerville Dispatch to N. Y. World. A week ago the neighbors of Mrs. Lydia Parker, a white-haired woman of 70, noticed her sitting at the window of her home, looking out over the street where she lived.

TAKING UNIMPROVED LOTS.

From the Adams Advance. Persons holding property that is entirely unimproved and are awaiting the growth of the town to enhance the value of their holdings.

RELIEF FROM TARIFF REACTIONS.

From the Buffalo News. There is a growing demand that the people be relieved from some of the tariff exactions which depress receipts from manufactured products to consumers.

A 'TOUGH' TREE.

From the New York Tribune. There has just been discovered in the far east a species of the acacia tree which closes its leaves together in coils each day at sunset and curls its twigs to the shape of pigtails.

Barely Possible.

From the New York Telegram. A woman writer wants to know the reason for the lack of politeness in American men and boys.

METHODS OF ADVERTISING

From the Irrigator. We see by the Portland press that the chambers of commerce of that city are contending for the expenditure of a large sum of money in advertising that progressive city.

Some 15 years ago the same chamber of commerce was understood to have started in on a similar enterprise. We mistake not about \$46,000 were pledged at that time by the citizens, payable in monthly installments as the work progressed.

There was a ruction in the committee, but that particular scheme was killed. However, they went ahead and spent a lot of money in various Tomfool methods and got practically no returns.

There is no freedom of religion. The Poles are generally Roman Catholics, and on this account they are prohibited from holding any government positions, and their religious customs are insulted in a hundred ways.

WHERE THE POLES COME FROM

(By Herbert N. Casson.) The story of Poland ought to be taught in every American public school, so that the children would learn to value democracy and to hate oppression.

The people of Poland had freedom of the real freedom, of course, but what was called freedom in those days. Whenever they were robbed or oppressed, the robbery was done by Poles and in a Polish way, so they did not mind it so much as they do now when they are robbed by foreigners and in a foreign way.

Suppose the equal trust were 10 times as rich and 20 times as strong as it is; suppose there were no laws to hamper it and no politicians who had to be bought; and suppose its actions were never attacked or even exposed by yellow journalism, and that it had absolute power to do whatever it liked; picture to yourself such a trust as this, and you will have some idea of what the Russian government has been like in Poland.

It has been made a crime for a Pole to talk his own language. All official signs which read "To speak in Polish is severely prohibited." The Polish language has been banished from the schools, and there is not a single printing office that prints papers or books in the Polish language.

WHEN EARLY SPRING SETS IN.

Joe Come in Four Track News. I long for the wild and rocky slopes where the "criek" goes winding down.

HOW HE PUT OUT THE LIGHT.

From the Louisville Herald. When Pius Whallen of Springfield, Ky., came to the Fifth Avenue hotel he saw his first incandescent light.

GENERAL GRANT SIZED IT UP.

From the New York Times. Gen. Fred D. Grant's favorite story of his father is one that aptly illustrates that great soldier's facility of sizing up a situation in a few words.

Bones With the People Off.

From the Pathfinder. Two little fellows of 7 and 8 years heard older people speaking of skeletons. The 7-year-old boy listened intently to the conversation, when the older boy, with an air of superior knowledge, said abruptly:

Important Point.

From the Baltimore News. Representative "Nick" Longworth of Cincinnati has been suffering recently from a severe attack of indigestion, for which too many late dinners probably are responsible.

Oregon Sidelights

Eugene is soon to have a complete telephone system.

North Bend, the new Coos bay town, is to have electric lights.

Ashtland is to have a singing school. Now that's like old times.

Greatest crops of all kinds ever known, is the prospect all over Oregon.

Quite extensive and important improvements have been determined upon in the Ashtland yards, roundhouse and depot grounds.

The Eugene match factory is now in full operation and Eugene will soon have matches to burn by the millions. The factory began work Tuesday and is now in full swing.

The gross postoffice receipts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1904, at Klamath Falls were \$2,919.16, or a gain of \$548.97 over last year. The box receipts increased during the year nearly 50 per cent.

All eastern Oregon towns are expecting floods, and some of them are getting them already. The snows in the mountains were deeper than ever, but the usual Oregon springing of the snows depended upon to take care of them.

Long Creek Ranger: Rev. Ridings, with a little assistance, has put a walk across the church to the crosswalk on Allen street, the town putting in a new crossing and eye editor furnishing material for the walk—Try the new walk a week from next Sunday.

East Oregonian: Meacham creek is now a raging little river and the O. R. & N. has had to sack of loose rock and brush between Bingham Springs and Huron, guarding the places at which the creek threatens the track. Four work trains are also at work, hauling in rock to strengthen weak points where the ravages of the streams are especially strong.

W. A. Goodin, who has the contract for clearing the right of way between Seaside and Elk creek, yesterday completed clearing the brush through the whole length of the road. The clearing is finished as far as the summit and the whole contract will be completed within a month. It is the intention of the county court to improve the road this summer as far as the summit.

Albany Democrat: After the lecture at Corvallis before a big house, Homer Davenport, his manager, A. E. Pond, and W. W. Crawford left for home in a Corvallis rig. Coming out of a place which appeared to be a man loomed up in the middle of the road, and acted in such a strange manner the occupants thought they were in for a holdup. Davenport hid his \$500 watch, Pond tried to strike his sack of money and Crawford disposed of his large stock of valuables, but it was a young heifer.

The water in Grand Ronde river is now at the right stage for successful driving and a monster drive of logs has started from the headwaters of that stream toward the mills at Perry. One company will drive about 16,000,000 feet of logs this spring, and the manager estimates that there is enough timber tributary to the mill to last for 40 years. It will be necessary to start railroads to the vast belts of pine lying on the head of Grand Ronde river and Meadow creek, as it will be too costly and tedious to haul the logs to the river and depend on the annual drive to supply the mills.

Joseph Vay will commence the shearing of 20,000 head of sheep near Echo about the last of this week, and will rush the work through from the first. All of the sheepsman of Umatilla county are now making arrangements to shear and are engaging men. Cunningham is now at work on the rest of his sheep, near Pilot Rock, and the other range holdings where he has been handling his flocks throughout this county and will be busy with his work for several weeks. The sheepsman are finding it hard to secure all the sheers that they need to get the best results out of the work.

A large Cold Springs, Umatilla county, farmer reports that the prospects for a bumper crop of wheat are much better than they were at this time last year, and he expects to reap nearly 40 bushels per acre from his farm this year. His wheat at this time is nearly knee high, and is growing rapidly. The grain seems to be strong and clean, and getting a heavy crop of straw. It will head out better and fuller than it has for years. The wet winter and spring has proven a great boon to the farmers, and the crops will approach those of the bumper year of 1897.

Advice to the Lovelorn

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Dear Miss Fairfax—I am a young girl of 18 and am in love with a young gentleman whom my parents think very much of. The other day I was out walking with him and he said he wanted to meet a friend whom I had not seen in quite some time. He invited me to his house, and I went with him, leaving my gentleman friend with whom I was taking a walk by myself.

I know I have done wrong, but kindly advise me how I am to make up with him again. Write a note and apologise to him. You were wrong to leave him so abruptly. And it is not to be wondered at that he was offended. Tell him that you are sorry and no doubt he will make friends again. Next time don't be so impulsive.

Dear Miss Fairfax—I have been keeping company with a man very much older than myself for some years, although we were not engaged, but he was very fond of me, and he had said many times when he could afford it we would be married. A few months ago we had a quarrel, and since then he has not been to see me, but when we meet on the street he always bows, and if he is going my way walks with me as if nothing had happened, and I do the same; but as this has been going on now for over nine months, what should I do? He has given me some presents, and pictures, and has written me lots of letters. Should I return them to him or wait and let him send me back mine first. As he made the quarrel, I don't know what to do, for I don't know if he wants me to make up or not, and I am sure I don't want to run after him. Do you think he can like me very much if he can stay away for so long a time?

HOW REPUBLICANS LOVE ONE ANOTHER

One of the most touching incidents of the Republican convention yesterday was an oratorical stunt by Senator G. C. Brownell, the Demosthenes of Oregon City, and leader in many movements that made interesting the last session of the state legislature.

San Francisco gave a remarkable demonstration at the Schumann-Heink opening concert. The San Francisco Bulletin says of this great contralto: "Attractiveness of personality, amounting to more than beauty, Schumann-Heink certainly has in great measure aided her success. The audience that thronged the large theatre last night applauded the singer in one or all of her three-fold capacities as woman, emotional artist, and vocalist, according to their capacity of understanding. But whatever the reason, they applauded wildly, with absolute enthusiasm, with the transports of enthusiasm that make one envious for the dramatic artists whose greatest efforts never bring forth such an ovation as is awarded to musicians by music-lovers."

sale of seats will open Saturday morning.

NEW CHURCH HOME TO BE DEDICATED

The new Central Christian church, on East Twentieth and Salmon streets, will be dedicated Sunday, April 24. The church was organized only a few months ago, with Rev. J. F. Ghormsley as pastor, and has been holding its services in a rented hall, Sumneride, but this has proved too small, so the congregation was forced to seek larger quarters. The new tabernacle will be only temporary, seating about 600 people. The lumber arrived today, and work will begin at once. Sunday evening the Young People's society will hold an open meeting on the grounds.

DEATH OF D. W. CRANDALL.

D. W. Crandall, a well known builder and contractor, died Tuesday at his home, 661 Belmont street. He was 69 years of age and came to Portland 24 years ago. He was a member of Willamette lodge No. 2, A. F. & E. M., Haslam lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F., Industry campment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., and the Oregon consistory No. 1, Scottish Rites. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Dr. T. L. Elliot officiating. He is survived by a wife, a son and a daughter, Mrs. N. R. Bridges of Olympia and William P. Crandall of Portland.

Christian Science in England.

London Cable in Chicago Tribune. Christian Science has not captured the country, but it is discussed everywhere in society and has hundreds of really artistic votaries. At a dinner party only last week one of the six most notable duchesses in England, said: "Well, we may think Christian Science rubbish, but it has improved the manners and dispositions of every woman I know who has gone in for it, and they all are happier in the bargain." Be it added the reason for the success of Christian Science is a far larger percentage of men than we may think Christian Science rubbish can be seen in any church of English service.