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The Chronicle is the Only Paper in The Dalles that Receives the Associated Press Dispatches.

WILL HE DECLINE?

Referring to an interview with Binger Hermann which appeared in the Oregonian of last Friday, wherein that gentleman, in answer to the question, "Is there any truth in the alleged agreement between you and Harry Miller, whereby you draw out of the race in his favor?" and Mr. Hermann is reported to have answered, "It may become improper for me to decline the nomination, if thought for the best interest of the state for me to accept;" the Ashland Tidings comes out squarely and says: "Mr. Hermann did certainly state to H. B. Miller prior to the nomination of 1890, that if his friends came to his rescue at that time he would not ask their support again, but at the end of his next term would step down and out. This pledge," continues the Tidings, "is in a letter over the congressman's own signature, and the statement in the press recently, that Mr. Hermann would not be a candidate for renomination was made, therefore, upon authority which ought to be considered good—that of Mr. Hermann himself." The Tidings has not a word to say against Mr. Hermann, but that paper seems desirous of getting him out of the way to make room for Harry Miller, and from what the CHRONICLE knows of both of these gentlemen it seriously questions the wisdom of the Tidings' choice. However, as Mr. Hermann himself says, it will be time enough to pass judgment upon this subject when the nominating convention meets. Meanwhile it is interesting to note that the only opposition to Hermann's renomination that we hear of comes from republican papers, and these chiefly of his own neighborhood. In marked contrast with their evident desire to shove Hermann for some other man is the language of the West Side, a democratic paper published at Independence, Polk county. The editor of that journal takes occasion to say, "If a republican is to be elected from the first district to the next congress, Binger Hermann is the man. When we were in Washington City in 1890, we found that Mr. Hermann wielded an influence in behalf of this state second to no man that ever represented us since Gen. Joe Lane and Col. Nesmith represented Oregon. To set Herman aside for men who are aspiring to his place is simply political meanness. We have not seen a name yet suggested who is his equal in any particular, or who can do for the state of Oregon as much good as he." And referring to the statement in the Salem Journal (which has been attacking Hermann) that that paper "does not join in the democratic attacks on Hermann," the West Side indignantly asks, "Please tell us by whom any democratic attack has been made on Hermann? None has been made. No, the Journal must make its own fight. The democrats will cheerfully bear their part of the responsibility when Mr. Hermann shall be a candidate again."

At the last session of the legislature some of our law makers seemed greatly enamored with the Washington system of taxation that exempts notes and other evidences of debt from assessment, and without for a moment consulting the wishes of the great farming class worked with a determination to place a similar law on the statute books of Oregon, and in fact, when they could not carry their point, spitefully defeated all legislation save only that which created a state board of equalization. Will the farmers please remember that they will have the making of the members of the next legislature, and to them belongs more than to any other class, the responsibility of electing only such men as will pledge themselves to carry out their wishes. That the Washington law is not satisfactory to the farmers of that state is evident from the fact that some of the farmers' papers are demanding in no uncertain tones its repeal. Its framers are denounced as dishonest, contemptible, black-hearted statesmen, and the farmers of the state are urged to support no man at the next election who will not pledge himself to work for its repeal.

Here is a capital suggestion from the Sunday Welcome, only it comes a day late to be of practical service. Parley simply won't resign, and the work has been

"performed" anyhow:
The Dalles Times-Mountaineer is not satisfied with the governor's and state treasurer's report on the portage railway, and wants that work performed by "competent" persons. Then why does not Michell inspect the road? He writes as if he knew all about building portage railroads.

It is safe to say that many a man lands Blaine to the skies as the greatest living statesman who secretly prays that a benign providence may graciously make him and keep him so sick that he won't be in the next race for the presidency.

The annexation of Canada would involve certain climatic changes that would make that country as unhealthy for a certain class of tourists as the United States is now.

Talk about scarcity of money in The Dalles! It is said one can scarcely get it on gilt-edged security at 25 per cent at Gray's Harbor.

Jay Gould is said to be infatuated with the west. It will be a long time before it can be said that the west is stuck after Jay.

GENERAL PERSONAL MENTION.

Jerry Rusk's rain-making career suggests that he may be trying to take the presidency by storm.

"Lucky" Baldwin, the multi-millionaire miner and horseman of California, has just purchased in Chicago furniture for his three big hotels—one at Santa Anita, another in Eldorado county, but the largest, a \$3,000,000 structure, in San Francisco.

Shibata Zeshin, the greatest worker in Japanese lacquer ever known, has just died at the age of eighty-three. His work first attracted attention in 1844. It was a votive tablet in the shrine of the village of Oji, near Tokio, where it still is. Zeshin began to paint fans, and worked up to within five days of his death.

Rev. Dr. Burchard, who died Friday afternoon, is said to have declared, while exhorting at a revival meeting in Poughkeepsie fifty years ago, that he had huge carbuncles on his knees, caused by the hours he had spent on his knees praying for the conversion of sinners. After that he went by the title of "Carbuncle Burchard."

Professor Franz Bruennon, the astronomer, who died a short time ago in Heldsburg, was well known in America, as he was the occupant of the chair of astronomy in Ann Arbor for many years. He left America to accept the directorship of the observatory in Dublin. Bruennon's most important work is his "Textbook of Spherical Astronomy."

Thomas Bailey Aldrich, the famous Boston poet, has just returned from a journey to Europe. He is a rather short, thickset man, with a lionine head, covered with short, curly locks, and handsome face with regular features and a sensitive mouth, which is not concealed by the brownish-gray moustache. Even those passers-by who did not know that the man was Thomas Bailey Aldrich could not fail to be struck by the dignity of his carriage and by the refinement and strength of his face.

James Whitcomb Riley denies that he is collaborating an opera with Sir Arthur Sullivan. "What may have given rise to this report is my taking with me a poetic drama, which, for a long time, I have been elaborating, rounding and perfecting, as best I could, through conscientious study of the best dramatic masters, stage-forms, methods, etc. The performance, however worthy or unworthy it may prove, will, as originally intended, first appear as a literary venture—a book—a drama in verse."

BRIEF STATE NEWS.

Condon, Gilliam county, has been visited by a fire that has done \$10,000 damage. The losses are: Ward & Glasco, \$1800; photograph gallery, \$5000; G. W. Rhinhardt, \$1200; William Dunlap, \$600; Mont. Ward, \$2000; C. C. Shaw, \$200. Mr. Ward was the only one who was insured.

Miss Annie Firman, leading lady of the John Jack dramatic company, is lying seriously ill at Heppner. She made an effort to appear in one performance, but her physician positively forbid her doing so. Meanwhile the company is remaining at Heppner awaiting her recovery.

Boyd Kennedy of Philomath was bound over in the sum of \$100 to appear before the grand jury, in Justice Carleton's court last Saturday. One day last week he had a quarrel with Charles Allen, and for revenge he took a burr off Mr. Allen's wagon, but fortunately the deed was discovered in time to prevent an accident.

Mrs. Bauffman, of Monmouth, left her little child in the kitchen with a pan of boiling water on the stove. During her absence the child reached the pan and overturned it, the contents striking the little one about the center of the breast and scalding the lower part of its body in a fearful manner. No hopes are entertained for the child's recovery.

The estate of B. J. Pengra, according to the Eugene Guard, is hopelessly involved. The indebtedness against it is \$57,000, and nearly all of this has accumulated within the last seven years. The only income received is from the lease of the Springfield water power, \$1800 per year, and of this it requires at least \$900 to keep the power in repair. Seal Wangra was appointed guardian for Mr. Pengra, but refused to accept the position. The property is situated in Lake county at Springfield, and in Crook county, where Mr. Pengra has a stock ranch on the Deschutes at Big Meadows. It will have to be sold to settle up the indebtedness.

Bacteria Killed by Electricity.
The disease producing bacteria may be killed by a current of electricity, as has been shown by experiments with bottles of water containing them. By passing the current from a battery through a loop of wire suspended in the water it was found that a small voltage was sufficient to deprive the most active bacteria of life. The consumption of bacteria died under two and a quarter volts, while other more hardy species could not survive more than three volts and a half.

Unfortunately, this electrical method would be too expensive and troublesome for the householder to pursue. It is suggested, therefore, that cities or water companies shall perform the entire task, delivering the water to consumers in a condition guaranteed harmless. According to the plan proposed the killing of the microbe is to be accomplished at the reservoir. Nothing could be easier than to apply the energy of a battery by a current at one place in the supply pipes as to kill with absolute certainty every microbe that passed through in the flowing water.

A dynamo with a capacity of 1,000 volts would do the work perfectly for the biggest possible pipe, slaying all the bacteria going through and rendering innocuous all the millions of gallons daily that a metropolis consumes. All that is necessary is that a length of the pipe shall be made of insulated material, and through holes in its sides will be inserted wires representing the poles of the battery—positive on one side and negative on the other. Set the dynamo going, and the current springs through the water, filling it with powerful electric waves necessarily fatal to all living organisms floating in the stream.—New York Telegram.

A Poor Man on Tax Days.
City Counselor Will C. Marshall had a big case just before he went into his office, and while it was pending he had to present a bond for his client to the court. The client brought him a friend, who told Marshall he was worth \$100,000 in unincumbered real estate. At the proper time Marshall brought him before the court and put him on the stand.

"How much are you worth?" he asked him. The bondsman hesitated and began to wriggle uneasily in his chair. "Oh, well, you're worth \$100,000 in real estate, I suppose," said Marshall.

"Good gracious, no! Not half of that," exclaimed the witness. "I guess I am worth about \$20,000."

Marshall was astonished beyond measure, and had to ask the indulgence of the court while he sought another bondsman. Meeting his man outside the court room afterward, he asked him warmly what he meant by such contradictory statements.

"I am worth \$100,000," said the man coolly, "but you don't suppose I'm fool enough to declare it in court? I've been reporting \$20,000 to the assessor straight along, and they'd be after me for back taxes if I told how much I was worth on the stand. I didn't know you was going to put me on the stand or I should have warned you."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Climate and Morals.
The world is tolerably well mapped out as to diseases. The colored charts show us where we may most probably dwell with malaria, with consumption or with general debility. We study, also, the adaptability of plants to different climatic conditions. But our knowledge of the relation of man to climate is still far from scientific—that is to say, of the influence of climate upon character and conduct. To come to a detail, what, for instance, do we know of the effect of climate upon veracity. There are portions of the earth's surface where the inhabitants regard truth as a luxury seldom to be indulged in; in others the mind seems rather inclined to truthfulness.

Whether the difference is owing to race or climate our observations do not yet enable us to determine. There is a popular notion that the habit of prevarication goes along with warmth, or with a debilitating atmosphere, and that cold is a tonic, a sort of stimulant for truthfulness. We indeed have in the phrase "the cold truth" a recognition of this. We say that the northern latitudes nurse the rugged virtue of veracity.—Charles Dudley Warner in Harper's.

The Secret of Good Mountain Climbing.
The secret of the climbing of the hunters is that they trust their feet as much as their hands. To plant their nailed shoe is all they ask in any place. They go steadily, but slowly, and rest often, so as to avoid climbing when exhausted or breathless. A tired or winded man will tumble, slip and be in danger where he would pass easily when fresh. The apprentice in this particular hunt found the greatest difficulty in crossing a chaco. A chaco is a steep slope covered with blocks of stone ranging from a hundred pounds to many tons.

There are ugly holes, big and little, between them. Their edges are generally sharp. To the rapid passer, as he looks down at his feet, they appear, without exception, very sharp. In addition, some of them are "wobblers." The duffer passed several unpleasant quarters of an hour in following the hunter, excited by the proximity of game, over these places, and will always carry on his leg a souvenir of one of them.—Paul van Dyke in Scribner's.

Common Sense in Bicycle Riding.
Regarding pneumatic tires, the editor of the cycling department in Outing says: "There is no doubt about it but that a better air valve must be devised, made with an airtight cap which cannot be detached. Some such device I hear has been tried in its experimental stages, and when completed it will be a vast improvement on the crude valve now generally in use. Dealers must take pains to instruct purchasers of pneumatic tires how to inflate and to what tension—the heavier the man the harder the tension. Riders must use brains and common sense and not be afraid to take a bit of trouble if they would get the best results out of a pneumatic tire."

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