

Republican Ticket.

STATE OFFICERS. Justice of the Supreme Court—C. E. Wolverton. Food and Dairy Commissioner—J. W. Bailey. Presidential Electors—O. F. Paxton, of Multnomah; Tillman Ford, of Marion; J. C. Fullerton, of Douglas; W. J. Furnish, of Umatilla. DISTRICT OFFICERS. Congressman—Malcolm A. Moody, of The Dalles. Joint Senators—J. N. Williamson, of Crook; T. H. Johnston, of Wasco; W. W. Steiwer, of Wheeler. Joint Representatives—A. S. Roberts, of Wasco; R. A. Emmett, of Klamath; George Miller, of Gilliam; George Cattanach, of Grant; George A. Barrett, of Grant; T. H. McGreer, of Wasco. District Attorney—Frank Menefee, of The Dalles. COUNTY TICKET. County Judge—A. S. Blowers, of Hood River. Commissioner—P. A. Kirchheimer, of Antelope. Sheriff—Robert Kelly, of The Dalles. Clerk—A. L. Lake, of Wamic. Treasurer—C. L. Phillips, of The Dalles. Assessor—C. L. Schmidt, of The Dalles. Superintendent of Schools—C. L. Gilbert, of The Dalles. Surveyor—J. B. Goit, of The Dalles. Coroner—W. H. Butts, of The Dalles. For Justice of the Peace of The Dalles—Timothy Brownhill.

A PECULIAR QUALITY OF DESPOTISM.

THE CHRONICLE submits that its Dalles contemporary is lacking in the respect that is due to the intelligence of its readers when it says, among a number of other equally baseless assertions, that the administration "has established a despotism in Porto Rico and is attempting to do the same with the Philippines." What the administration is supposed to be "attempting" may be left to Democratic imagination but, as regards the statement of facts, what is there to justify the wanton recklessness that would affirm that a despotism has been established in Porto Rico? Our contemporary cannot point to a single instance in the history of the world where a parent nation has treated a territory, or dependancy, or colony, or what you will, with the consideration and generosity that has characterized our treatment of Porto Rico. If a Republican administration has maintained the right of congress to make such laws for the government of the island as humanity suggested and the necessities of the people demanded; if the administration refused to recognize the doctrine invented by Calhoun for the perpetuation and extension of slavery that the constitution of its own force follows the flag and that therefore our whole internal revenue system must be imposed upon a people under conditions of wretchedness and poverty that would turn the system into practical confiscation, they have only asserted a principle that has marked our conduct towards every territory we have acquired since the acquisition of Louisiana in 1803; they have only asserted a principle that is in operation today in every territory under the flag. If a despotism has been established in Porto Rico, because a system of taxation different from that which prevails in the United States has been imposed upon the island, then a despotism has been established in Alaska for the same reason. But apart from the constitutional aspect of this question, what right has any man who has any respect for the facts of history to speak of a despotism in Porto Rico? Are the necessities of Bryanism so desperate that its apologists must ignore facts that are known to all the

world? When a tornado swept the island and left tens of thousands homeless and starving we went down into our pockets and contributed three quarters of a million for their relief. Is this the manner of despots? When Governor General Davis, who knew better than any American living the condition of the islanders, assured the administration that direct taxation would mean confiscation, and free trade would mean a bonded debt or direct appropriation from the United States treasury, the administration refused to yield to an unreasoning popular clamor and in the teeth of villification and abuse that has hardly a parallel in history adopted a temporary measure that will make the burdens of taxation rest where they ought to rest, upon those best able to bear them and not upon the masses of the "storm swept and starving islanders." Is this also the manner of despots? When the administration imposed a tax of 15 per cent of the Dingley rates on the traffic with the mainland it was conditioned on the fact that every cent so collected—not even deducting the cost of collection—should be devoted to the necessities of the Porto Ricans. Is this the way despots act? And lastly, when upwards of two million dollars had been collected on the imports from the island, and the trusts which had paid the tax had entered suit against the United States for its recovery, and a Democratic congressman had introduced a bill in congress to give it back to the trusts under the Democratic coalition that its collection was unconstitutional, William McKinley, the boss despot, if you will, asked congress to give it back, not to the trusts, but to the islanders, and for their sole use and benefit; and it was done as the president requested. If this is despotism there are vast tracts of the habitable earth that would not be greatly injured by a liberal application of it. The fact that at this early period of the year the Meadows, which are the main source of the water supply for this city, are clear of snow admonishes taxpayers and water consumers that economy must be used if we would escape the inconvenience of a scarcity of this necessary fluid. Competent engineers have estimated that the supply is amply sufficient for a town half as large again as The Dalles, but in this estimate allowance is not made for the enormous waste that often takes place through mere carelessness and indifference. The situation is such that economy during the summer months will become absolutely necessary. Superintendent Cossen estimates that not less than from twenty to fifty thousand gallons of water go to waste daily that might be saved for necessary uses if consumers would only exercise a little care in keeping the water shut off in closets and other places when not in use. It needs no argument to prove that it will be much cheaper for taxpayers to make a conscience of economy in the use of water than to put up forty or fifty thousand dollars for the extension of the water system.

There is no office in the gift of the people of Wasco county that requires as high a standard of mental and moral efficiency as that of assessor. It is to him more than anyone else that we must look for such an assessment as will make every man pay his just proportion of the public burdens and no more. The assessor should be a man of business experience, of good judgment and possessed of sufficient moral backbone to put his judgment and experience into effect. Such a man the Republicans have nominated in the person of C. L. Schmidt.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON. March 19, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on Saturday May 5, 1900, viz: Heinrich Lubbing, of The Dalles, Or., H. E. No. 473, for the NW 1/4, section 17, township 1 north, range 12 east, W. M.

John Stegman, Henry Riddell, Michael Doyle, Charles Rinert, all of The Dalles, Oregon. JAY P. LUCAS, Register. mar24-4

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. (Isolated Tract)—Public Land Sale. LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON. April 16, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the commissioner of the general land office, under authority vested in him by section 2455 U. S. Rev. Stat., as amended by the act of congress approved February 28, 1905, we will proceed to offer at public sale on Monday, the 28th day of May next, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: NW 1/4 Sec. 22, T. 1 N. R. 12 E., W. M. Any and all persons claiming the above-described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited. JAY P. LUCAS, Register. OTIS PATTERSON, Receiver. april8-4

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT VANCOUVER, WASH. March 21, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before W. B. Presby, United States Commissioner for District of Washington, at his office in Goldendale, Wash., on Monday, May 7, 1900, viz: John G. McDonald, H. E. No. 1092 for the northeast quarter section 15, township 3 north, range 13 east, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Samuel L. Courtnes, Harry Pennington, Eli G. Copeland, of Hartland, O., Wash.; and Nelson B. Brooks, of Goldendale, Wash. W. B. DUNBAR, Register. mar28-4

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT VANCOUVER, WASH. April 20, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before W. B. Presby, United States Commissioner for District of Washington, at his office in Goldendale, Wash., on Friday, June 29, 1900, viz: Dietrich H. Stegman, devisee of Dietrich Stegman, deceased; Homestead Entry No. 8746, for the southwest 1/4 of section 32, township 3 north of range 11 east, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Manuel S. Leonardo, of Grand Dalles P. O., Wash.; Herman Engleke, William Wilkinson, of Centerville P. O., Wash.; and William Crawford, of Grand Dalles P. O., Wash. W. B. DUNBAR, Register. may2-4

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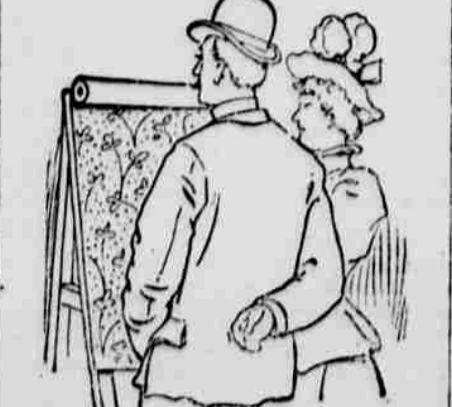
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