

HERMANN'S LETTER.

From the Salem Vidette. The unexpected exposure of Hermann's letter through the Vidette has produced an uneasiness among his friends, and efforts were made to deny its authenticity, which, however, failed. Mr. Simon admits that a demand has been made for the refunding of the money, but he denies that the man to whom he loaned it is in the penitentiary. It would be interesting to know what Mr. Hermann sent to the secretary of the national committee, in place of the fatal letter which he sent to this State. Mr. Simon may have to resort to the bankruptcy courts against the Republican party if the money is not forthcoming. As Mr. Hermann has introduced every bill he could think of in Congress he might put in another one for \$1000 to build up commerce on Klamath lakes, or to sweep the seaboard of Tillamook rocks under the direction of Simon. That might fix the matter.

We learn that a demand has been made on Mr. McPherson for the Singer-Hermann letter, which called McPherson's attention to the fact that Hon. Joseph Simon wants \$1,000 advanced campaign money and wants it bad; that it would not be policy to have a misunderstanding with Mr. Simon at this time as the State is in a critical condition politically, and in great danger of going democratic, and Simon does not want to take any chances of getting the money after the June election. It is understood that Mr. McPherson has been informed that if he does not deliver up the letter he will be prosecuted. Mr. McPherson is not to be frightened in that way. The letter was addressed to him and delivered to him and he intends to hold it until he can communicate with Mr. Hermann and learn just what the Congressman meant by sending him such a letter, if indeed he did send it. To prevent any fraud the letter will be stereotyped and a copy sent to Mr. Hermann. If he recognizes it and wants the original back, Mr. McPherson will return it. The better way for Mr. Hermann and the Republicans is to keep up a still silence on the subject and not plead the baby act. It is presumed that Mr. Hermann was smart enough to know what he was doing when he wrote the letter; he is certainly as smart as Mr. Blaine in that respect. It is customary to publish letters from public officers on all subjects, and the columns of the Vidette are open to him. The letter is in good hands, and if Mr. Hermann wants it back, let him write for it. Should Mr. McPherson see fit to return it to the postoffice as not for him, he could seal it up and it would have to go to the deal letter office, and there fall into the Democratic hand. Better let it stay in Oregon so we can have a little fun with it. In the meantime, Hermann and some other McPherson had better dig up \$1,000 for Joe Simon.

False Certificates. From the Bar or City Democrat. It turns out that there are in our midst some very clever swindlers, and though their operations have been confined on a small scale, success induce them to branch out extensively. This is the time of year when road tax is collected and everybody is expected to produce the sum of \$4.00 and receive their receipt. This was thought to be a very good racket by which one or more persons could make a stake. Accordingly fraudulent receipts were made out in the names of the different persons with the superintendent of streets name, Mr. Mueller, attached, and if the person from whom the tax was due preferred paying the cash, with a slight discount, rather than work, he was presented with a receipt and the money paid over to the person supposed to be authorized to collect. Of course it was only new comers that the racket was played on, and they did not find out their mistake until after the shrewd worker had left the town. Several parties were fleeced and are therefore wrathful.

A Universal Verdict. From the La Grande Journal. Every man is liable to have cases in the circuit court. Each of the circuit judges of this district is called upon each year, to pass in some form, on probably five hundred cases, or four times as many as our supreme court decides in a year. It is important to every man that the circuit court be held by men of experience and maturity of mind. Is there an intelligent man in the district who believes that it is safe to confer so important a trust as the circuit judgeship upon James A. Fee, a new beginner? The universal verdict is, No!

Multnomah Democrats. The Multnomah Democrats nominated the following ticket Saturday: District Attorney, W. W. Page; Sheriff, Henry Thompson; County Clerk, G. M. Stroud; Circuit Court Clerk, Charles J. Christie; Recorder, W. L. Curry; Treasurer, D. W. Hoobling; Assessor, J. A. McQuinn; School Superintendent, John Rosenberg; Coroner, Dr. H. Hicks; Surveyor, N. B. Whitfield; Commissioners, Elijah Corbett and John L. Dunn. William Church, Jr., was chosen chairman of the county committee. The convention adjourned till tomorrow evening, when a Legislative ticket will be nominated.

From the Centerville Home Press. J. M. Bentley has been sheriff of this county for two years. Crime has decreased during his incumbency; criminals have been brought to justice and the public good has been looked after. He has not been satisfied with merely collecting such taxes as the assessor has turned over to him, but in the interest of the public good last year he assessed at least \$542,000 that was skipped by the assessor, thereby making the burden of taxation fall equally. He has been an efficient officer and the voters will see that he is re-elected by an increased majority.

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