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CURRENT POLITICAL DISCUSSION.

The Questions at Issue before the People of Oregon Today.

RETURN TO THE WALL

GOVERNOR GEER ANALYZES THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

An Interesting Homily On the Vexations and Calumnies of a Political Career in "Where Rolls the Oregon."

Governor Geer, the tall farmer from the Waldo Hills—republican to the core—had been invited to a rear seat, while the banker, a late arrival in the republican camp, cracked the whip.

As an exclusive, or even as a partial business, it is more likely to lead an honest man to the poorhouse than elsewhere, and the uncertainty of willful misrepresentation and unmerited abuse more than outweigh its pleasures.

It is not necessary to go outside of Oregon politics to verify this statement. At the end of his present term, Senator Mitchell, for instance, will have served 24 years in the United States senate, and to pay for its pleasures, he has been compelled to endure more calumnies and grades of personal abuse than all other public men in Oregon combined.

Life is too short, or at least, not enough of it remains to me to thus deliberately invite an uninterrupted

course of personal misrepresentation during what may be left. I have already had a bitter taste of what has been the daily food for many years of Senator Mitchell, Senator Simon, Senator McBride and almost every other republican who has had the misfortune to be on either one or the other side of the factional fight in Multnomah county, or even between them, or aloof from them as I have been.

It has been frequently charged that I am no politician, an accusation which I have never been disposed to deny. I may be pardoned for adding that I do not desire to acquire that accomplishment as long as it implies an ability to fathom the mysteries of Multnomah county politics and to keep perfect pace with its kaleidoscope panorama of shifting scenes.

What is nourishing food at one time is quite likely to be destructive poison at another, and that too, without any change in conditions whatever, so far as an outside republican in the hayseed ranks can discern. Jones and Smith and Brown may work in unbroken harmony and intimacy in one campaign and in the next Jones is quite likely to contend that Smith should receive nothing but the severest public execration, merely because Brown has declared his friendship for him.

From Lincoln to Hanna.

The organization that is held together by the "cohesive power of public plunder," as the democratic party was in pro-slavery times, is a sham and a fraud. It has stolen the name "Republican," but is now opposing the leading financial, commercial and economic principles which made that name respectable and powerful under Lincoln and Grant and down—a long way down—to Furnish and Hanna.

McKinley's Warning Recalled.

The convulsive break of 62 republicans who voted to insert in the Cuban bill the amendment removing all differential duties from imported sugars was sharp when it occurred, but the feeling that inspired it has been of gradual growth and attended with no end of premonitory symptoms and warning protests.

World's Billiard Championship.

New York, May 2.—Devotees of the game of billiards are on the quiver of anticipation of a battle royal between the two foremost cue experts in the world. The match, which is scheduled to begin tonight, is to be between Jacob Schaefer, holder of the world's championship, and Maurice Vignaux, who, until his recent defeat by Cure, was recognized as the champion of France.

MARQUIS DE MORES' MURDERER

He is Placed Upon Trial in Tunis After Much Delay.

Paris, May 2.—The sensational career of the marquis de Mores is recalled by dispatches from Tunis stating that his alleged murderers are to be placed on trial today. Few names were more familiar to the public a decade ago than that of Marquis de Mores.

De Mores was murdered by a band of Touaregs in 1896, while on a military expedition into the interior of Africa. Since his death his relatives, particularly his widow, who is a daughter of the New York millionaire banker, L. von Hoffman, have been endeavoring to obtain the arrest and punishment of his murderers with the result that several of the band have been arrested finally and brought to trial.

State Democratic Ticket

- Governor, GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Multnomah County, Secretary of State, D. W. SEARS, of Polk, State Treasurer, HENRY BLACKMAN, of Morrow, ATTORNEY GENERAL, J. H. RALEY, of Umatilla, State Printer, J. E. GODFREY, of Marion, Superintendent of Public Instruction, W. A. WANN, of Lane, Supreme Judge, B. F. BORHAM, of Marion, Member of Congress—2nd District, W. F. BUTCHER, of Baker, Senatorial District, Morrow, Umatilla and Union Counties, Senator, W. M. PIERCE, of Umatilla, Representative, Morrow and Umatilla Counties, W. F. MATLOCK, of Umatilla.

- COUNTY, State Senator, C. J. SMITH, Representative, WM. BLAKLEY, Representative, EDWIN A. RESER, Sheriff, T. D. TAYLOR, Clerk, W. D. CHAMBERLAIN, Recorder, C. H. MARSH, Treasurer, W. D. HANSFORD, Commissioner, JAMES NELSON, Assessor, CHAS. P. STRAIN, Surveyor, JAMES A. HOWARD, Coroner, T. M. HENDERSON.

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