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**CURRENT POLITICAL DISCUSSION.**

The Questions at Issue before the People of Oregon Today.

**HENRY BLACKMAN.**

**Democratic Candidate for State Treasurer is An Eastern Oregon Man.**

Henry Blackman, democratic nominee for state treasurer, was born in New York city, on September 11, 1848, came to San Francisco in 1850 by the water route. He lived in San Francisco until 1880; had a business education and was a bookkeeper for a number of years. He came to Oregon on May 1, 1880, located at Heppner, entered the firm of Heppner & Blackman, in 1881, and remained in the same business until 1893. Mr. Blackman was elected mayor of Heppner in 1887, during his absence from the city, and served four consecutive terms. In 1890 he was elected state senator, in an overwhelming republican district. In 1892 he was elected a delegate to the national convention, was placed on the notification committee, and was appointed by President Cleveland in 1894 as collector of internal revenue for the district of Oregon, comprising the states of Oregon and Washington and the territory of Alaska.

While in the legislature he was in hearty support of the 5 per cent. distribution bill, which made large appropriations from the national fund for the improvement of wagon roads all over the state, the bill being passed. He also introduced a bill making appropriations for the deaf mutes of the state, and also supported a bill providing appropriations for the Soldier's Home that was erected at Roseburg.

This time the nomination was received by acclamation and without solicitation on the part of Mr. Blackman. When collector of internal revenue he handled \$1,250,000, and at the expiration of his term of office was complimented on the perfection of his books and accounts. He has been a business man all his life and is well known all over the state, having been a resident of Heppner for 22 years, and standing well in his community. He was a member of the educational committee and took deep interest in all matters pertaining to education, particularly in the western normal school of eastern Oregon.

There is no reason why every elector on Eastern Oregon, and particularly in Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties, should not vote for Henry Blackman for state treasurer. His life has been spent in the development of this section. His home and business is in this judicial district. He is a man of proved integrity, and will fill the office so as to merit the esteem and approval of every fair minded citizen.

**C. J. SMITH FOR SENATOR.**

Possesses the Ability to Rightly Represent the People of Umatilla.

No man in the country visits more homes or knows better the individual wants of the people, from the head of the family down to the youngest infant, than Dr. C. J. Smith. This fact alone should appeal to everyone. In addition to his knowledge of humanity and its wants and needs, he has demonstrated his ability to deal with the financial problems of

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the day, not only from a private but from the public standpoint. His identification with public affairs as mayor of Pendleton, and as a member of the public school board, has proved his fitness to deal with public business affairs. His long service as a member of the Pendleton public school board gives him a full knowledge of the needs of the growing population in the line of education.

Not only does he possess the ability to rightly represent the citizens of Umatilla county, but the night is never too dark, the weather too cold, nor the road too long, for him to go when called to relieve suffering humanity. A vote for him will be a vote for one who can probably come as near representing all phases of human life and all classes of people and all kinds of business interests, as any citizen of the county. His services in the senate will be invaluable.

**Two Democrats Struggle.**

The pleasing prospect is that for the first time in the history of the state two democratic candidates will struggle for the mastery to gain the governorship. It comes, of course, in the light of a revelation, to behold a minority party gaining sufficient popularity to compel the strong majority party to the point of nominating one of its partisans—this being a tribute not easily overlooked and hard to estimate. The claim that W. J. Furnish, the republican nominee for governor, is now in every way a consistent republican partisan can not hold good in view of the fact that whatever of political reputation he has made while a democrat. His conversion to republican principles being of a date so recent disallows and estops his right to a general support of the rank and file of the republican party; and so the hope for an election on his part is certainly thickly beclouded.—Portland Town Topics.

**"TWO LITTLE WAIFS."**

A Play at the Frazer Next Friday Night of More Than Usual Interest.

A play that pleases the patrons of the boxes, parquet, balcony and gallery, has at last been written and produced by Lincoln J. Carter. This play is known as "Two Little Waifs" and will be seen at the Frazer on Friday evening. The story hinges on the fact that twin sisters, unknown to each other, are in love with the same man. One becomes the loving wife and mother of his children, (afterwards the waifs). The other, the wily adventuress, separates the husband and wife, and is the cause of their being thrown upon the streets to battle with hunger, poverty and privation. When it is taken into consideration that the parts of the twin sisters are enacted by one and the same person, it can be easily seen that the play must be of more than usual interest. Mr. Carter has exerted himself in providing for this production a company of merit, the most beautiful scenery, electrical and mechanical effects, superior to any of his other attractions. It is a play that is as pleasing to the occupant of the box as to the boy in the gallery. Appropriate souvenirs are presented to the ladies at every performance. Prices: lower floor, \$1; gallery, 50c.

**BASEBALL HAPPENINGS.**

New Suits Ordered for Captain Zeigler's Baseball Team—Reception to Be Arranged.

Captain Zeigler's baseball team will soon be decked in new uniforms. Roy Ritner, president of the Rooters' Association, in behalf of the association, has ordered 10 new suits from Chicago for the players, which will be here as soon as they can come by express. The suits will be snow white with trimmings, stockings and caps in maroon.

These suits will be purchased with money raised from different sources and presented to the first team by the rooters. A meeting will be held at the council room Wednesday evening, after the council meeting, to arrange for an appropriate reception for the boys after their return from their trip. This reception will probably be next Monday night. All enthusiastic rooters are requested to come out to the meeting tomorrow night.

**Notice to Voters.**

Registration books will be kept open, at the court house, every evening until 9 o'clock, until Thursday, May 15th, when the books will be closed at 5 p. m., and time for registration ends.

Lost—A gray mare, with roached mane, branded on left hip with half circle over cross and a bay mare, branded with D on left shoulder and diamond on right shoulder. Suitable reward will be paid finder by returning to T. W. Ayres' barn.

**BREVITIES**

**NOTES OF NOTABLES.**

Lord Methuen's grandfather was one of the coronation peers in 1838.

"Handsome Paul" is what they call General Methuen in London society.

W. H. Chisham and Joshua Moulton of Maine say they voted for Andrew Jackson in 1832.

President Hadley of Yale has just had his life insured for the first time. The policy amounted to \$25,000.

Hermann Bergmann, said to be a distant relative of the emperor of Germany, is in the Cincinnati workhouse.

Patrolman John M. Penniman of the Boston police force has retired on a pension of \$600 a year after a service of fifty-four years. He was born in 1822.

The English stockholders in Marconi's wireless telegraph company value the inventor's life so highly at this critical period of his experimentation that they have had him insured for \$750,000.

Thomas A. Morris of the class of 1834 is the oldest living graduate of the United States Military academy at West Point. There is only one survivor each of the classes of 1835, 1838, 1840, 1844 and 1848.

Rudolph von Kaltenborn, one of the best known Germans in this country, died at Merrill, Wis., several days ago. He was an officer in the Hessian army and served for Prussia through the Franco-Prussian war.

Trucken D. McGovern, a Brooklyn truckman, has fallen heir to \$100,000 from his uncle, Father McGovern, the oldest priest in the archdiocese of Hudson, N. Y. He says he will continue his trucking business.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the poet and novelist, has resigned his office of senior physician of the Philadelphia Orthopedic and Neuritic infirmary, and his son, Dr. John K. Mitchell, has been elected to the vacancy.

Joseph J. McIntyre of Brooklyn has invented a destructive war rocket. It is fired by dynamite, and the bomb scatters steel bullets among the enemy and is calculated to dislodge any opposing forces who are in concealment.

Prince George of Prussia, seventy-six years old, is the oldest member of the house of Hohenzollern and is known as the "Hohenzollern poet." He has written under the pseudonym of George Conrad a number of tragedies, notably "Phedra."

Professor Waldo S. Pratt is professor of hymnology at Hartford Theological seminary, the only institution having such a department in the United States. This institution has one of the two great hymnological libraries in the country.

**SHORT STORIES.**

There are 15,000 deer in the Yellowstone National park.

Dunkards in considerable number are preparing to move from Illinois to the Platte valley in Colorado.

The coal production of the south increased from 6,000,000 tons in 1880 to over 50,000,000 tons last year.

The City of Mexico, with a population of nearly 370,000, still has an annual death rate of 52.2 per 1,000.

In Colorado last year sugar beets grown on irrigated land averaged \$80

an acre and on nonirrigated land only \$16 an acre.

The men who gather clam shells along the Mississippi river and its tributaries last year gathered and sold nearly 46,000,000 pounds, for which they received more than \$205,000.

In case of a cold wave warning 100,000 telegrams are often distributed within a few hours, and the weather bureau claims that in one instance \$3,400,000 worth of property was saved.

A charter commission at Portland, Or., has decided not to allow city councilmen \$25 monthly salaries, but to retain the present system of service without pay. Spokane councilmen get \$50 a month.

**FRUITS AND FLOWERS.**

Ten rows—one of red and one of black—ten or twelve rods long, will supply an average family with raspberries.

Peach trees suffer the most from standing in thick grass and cherry and pear trees the least of any of the fruit trees.

The strawberry can be grown on small plots that will not afford room for a tree and produces fruit in one year from getting out of the plants.

If you want good dahlias during the fall months, be sure to give your plants all the water they require. Unless you do this you will have few blossoms, and these will be inferior.

Plant lice may be destroyed with soapsuds or tobacco water, the latter being only applicable to the shoots of apple and pear trees, which may be bent down and immersed in it.

**A Shrub That Cures Leprosy.**

Medical men all over the world are interested in the reports from Honolulu and Tahiti of successful results obtained in the treatment of leprosy from the active principle of the tua-tua shrub. The tua-tua's scientific name is *Jatropha gossypifolia*, and it comes from Venezuela.

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