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A LITTLE POLITICAL HISTORY WELL KNOWN REPUBLICAN OF UNION COUNTY WRITES

He Would Inform Voters in Umatilla County as to the Character of J. W. Scriber, Candidate for Joint Senator on the Republican Ticket. La Grande, Oregon, May 14.—(To the Editor.)—It will probably be no news to republican voters in Umatilla county to tell them that the republican primaries and convention of this county were "worked" in the interest of a certain gang, in which whiskey, bull-dozing tactics and misrepresentation played no small part. There was "hoodle" too, and it was dispensed by the hand of the boss' faithful lieutenant, who became the nominee for joint senator for Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties. This was a part of the original scheme. This is fully understood in Union county, where J. W. Scriber lives, and where his political record is well known. He has been for many years the recognized leader of Mitchell republican forces in this county. At the county convention in 1900 his faction met with defeat, and gold republicans were nominated for the three legislative offices—joint senator for Union and Wallowa counties, joint representative for the same district, and representative for Union county. While professing loyalty for the ticket Mr. Scriber's faction silently passed the word along the line, and defeated the legislative part of the ticket. I am informed that Mr. Scriber is now denying his treachery to his party, to the republicans of Umatilla county, and is attempting to prove his loyalty to his party by showing that La Grande precinct No. 2, where J. M. Church, at that time the nominee for joint senator, and Mr. Scriber both reside, gave Mr. Church a majority greater than that given to

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candidates on the state ticket. This trick might work where all the facts are not known. Mr. Church was a very popular man, and received in the three precincts of La Grande fully 250 democratic votes. Suspecting treachery, Mr. Church had a man with paper and pencil present at each polling place when the canvass was made. It was found, that in La Grande precinct No. 2, Mr. Scriber's precinct, 66 voters had voted the republican state ticket, and the democratic legislative ticket. Only 100 such tickets were voted in La Grande. They were, also, found in every precinct in the county where the Scriber faction existed. Until Mr. Scriber can account for those peculiar ballots, he can never make the true republicans of this county believe that he was loyal to the party in 1900. There are other things that do not accord with party fealty. During the campaign of 1900, S. C. Spencer, of Portland, called upon Mr. Scriber, having heard that he was "sore," and asked him what inducement would cause him to support the republican ticket. Mr. Scriber informed that \$500 was about the size of his influence. Does a good republican require \$500 to induce him to support his legislative ticket? It is openly charged here that Mr. Scriber gave a democrat, in 1900, \$125 to bet against Mr. Church, and that the democrat made the bet, won the money, and turned it over to Mr. Scriber, who gave him no commission. So much for Mr. Scriber's loyalty to his party. Now, about his loyalty to individual members of his party on his direct promise. Hon. Charles A. Johns, of Baker City, while on a business visit to La Grande recently, told fully half a dozen prominent republicans there that Mr. Scriber absolutely pledged to him the votes of the ten delegates from Union county for governor, at the republican state convention. That with these ten votes he could have nominated for governor instead of Furnish. But, at the critical moment, Scriber refused to deliver the goods. There is no reason why he should not have delivered these ten votes to Charley Johns as per agreement, for he had them snugly folded up in his vest pocket, excepting, that as discharging agent, he was under obligations to the Pendleton banker for the "sinews of war" that won the Union county primaries. Charley Johns is a lawyer and resides at Baker City, Oregon. An Old Republican.

LETTER TO VOTERS. Candidate for Assessor on Democratic Ticket Makes Appeal for More Equal Taxation. Milton, Oregon, May 19: (To the Editor.) The following is from a letter being sent to the voters of Umatilla county by C. P. Strain, candidate for assessor on the democratic ticket: Milton, Oregon. Dear Sir:—Do you know that there are 219 miles of railroad in this county paying dividends upon a capitalization of \$80,000 per mile? Squeeze all the water out and there will still remain \$30,000 or \$40,000 per mile. Do you know that this property is assessed

at only \$4,600 per mile? Suppose the assessments should be raised to \$8,000, then the amount of taxable property in the county would be increased on this one item alone \$744,600. The telephone and other corporations could be raised many thousands. There is a block in Pendleton worth somewhere between \$100,000 and \$300,000, is assessed at only \$11,000. The assessed valuation of the county is now in round numbers \$6,900,000. The assessment of the county could, with justice, be raised upward of \$1,000,000 or more without raising the valuation of farms, homes, merchandise, or business properties. The 5 mill school tax upon this increase would produce \$35,000. This means that each teacher shall have a chance to earn \$50 more salary annually. At the same time the tax burden upon the honest producer, business man, and home owner would not be heavier, but would be reduced. Call at the sheriff's office and examine the 1901 assessment roll, urge your friends to examine it; let the facts be known and I shall be elected by a large majority, to the great advantage of the teachers, school children, and the masses of taxpayers. Very truly yours, C. P. Strain.

George Hartman's View. Tells Portland Journal Man That Chamberlain Will Carry Umatilla. Banker W. J. Furnish, of Pendleton, is certain to lose his own county of Umatilla, according to the best judgement of Judge George A. Hartman, of that county, and Judge Hartman's judgment has never been questioned in political and rarely ever in other matters, says the Portland Journal. "In Umatilla county," said Judge Hartman to the Journal, "there are 600 republican voters, who will not vote for Mr. Furnish, and, on the other hand, there are only a very few renegade democrats who will. We expect Mr. Furnish to open his sack, but there will be an unusual effort made to prevent the consummation of such a diabolical scheme. "We think that Mr. Furnish's objective point is the United States senate, and that he is only attempting to use the office of governor as a stepping stone to the higher office. We think he was false to Mr. Corbett, as he promised Corbett's friends his support if they would support him. He made the same promise to Mitchell's friends, and we do not see how either Mitchell or Corbett could support him. "Our people laugh at the idea of Furnish making a business administration other than to his own advantage. His conduct of the office of deputy United States marshal and as sheriff of Umatilla county, and the very large amounts of money he drew, convince us that he will not work for the advantage of any one but himself, and, furthermore, he is considered in a political way a very selfish man. Raley's Immense Vote. "In Umatilla county, Colonel J. H. Raley will get an immense vote; the people up there believe in Jim Raley. "I agree with Editor Scott, of the Oregonian, that it is a piece of impertinence for Furnish to think of running for governor." Republican Consistency. The republicans refused to elect the late D. P. Thompson governor of Oregon because he was a "banker." Now they have nominated a "banker" for that office who does not compare with Thompson either in ability, experience or services rendered to the people of the state, and who was a Cleveland democrat until he saw a chance to make more by joining the republicans in 1896, during that famous boodle campaign. He was elected sheriff of Umatilla county by the democrats in 1890 and again in 1892 and served four years. Thompson helped to build up Oregon and the republican party. Furnish has done neither. If he should be elected it would be a standing proof that there is neither justice nor sense in partisan politics; that the eleventh hour adventurer, who is entitled to nothing is given what is denied to the true and tried friend and public benefactor who has served the party and the whole people long and faithfully and shown ability of the highest order under all circumstances. No doubt this Cleveland democrat and four years old republican coit for "office only" will in Eastern Oregon receive the votes of about all the republicans who vote early and often for locality and "revenue only" and of many democrats who vote the same way. If he can be beaten at all it must be by a large portion of the republicans of Western Oregon and especially of Portland voting against him, and the opposition ticket should be so arranged as to accomplish that result.—Eugene Journal.

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MAKING AGGRESSIVE FIGHT. The Democratic Cause in All Parts of the State Grows Stronger.

Mr. Chamberlain's supporters are receiving gratifying news from all parts of Oregon. It was settled even before the campaign began that his following in Western Oregon would remain loyal to the end of the fight. It was certain that Multnomah county would not go to the republican nominee for governor by a vote strong enough to overcome the undoubted lead which Mr. Chamberlain has west of the Cascades. The managers of this campaign have instituted careful inquiry and the advices that have come in response thereto, almost without exception, indicate that Mr. Chamberlain is growing in strength, and that already from 1200 to 1500 majority east of the Cascades may be counted upon. This is gratifying indeed. Mr. Chamberlain is taking care of himself in this campaign. He is making a magnificent canvass. He is going to the voters and bravely taking the aggressive. In this his campaign is unique. It has usually been the custom for the incumbent party to make the aggressive fight, and then for the party that is not in power to follow. It is characteristic of Mr. Chamberlain and illustrative of his fine courage and dauntless bearing in all previous political contests that he has not hesitated and waited until his antagonist went upon the stump to outline his position. Indeed, it is apparent that had he waited until Mr. Furnish told the people what he thought and what he believed, what his views are upon the mooted questions, that Gabriel's trumpet would have blown its ringing blasts before Mr. Chamberlain would have had an opportunity to make reply. However, the latter has gone before the people and explicitly stated his position, offered his program to all the people, and asks their support to a definite outlined policy. The positive character of Mr. Chamberlain's campaign is winning him favor every day. The people see in him one who gives a reason for his political faith, one who dares to elaborate his views, one who has nothing to conceal as to his future intentions. Furthermore, he graciously and bravely turns towards the past and invites the closest scrutiny of every official and private act which constitutes his life record. Mr. Chamberlain will be elected. It has been said that he will be the most surprised man in Oregon on June 2. Doubtless he will be, for he is politically astute and does not make the mistake of over-estimating his own strength. Competent judges of political conditions, and close observers of the drift of things are of the opinion that Mr. Chamberlain's surprise will be on account of the large majority that will be rolled up in his favor. George E. Chamberlain has been slated by the Oregon electors as their next governor.—Portland Journal.

CHARLES H. MARSH. Candidate for Recorder of Conveyances for Umatilla County. Charles H. Marsh, the democratic nominee for recorder of conveyances is in every way qualified to fill the position. Mr. Marsh has been chief deputy under Recorder Maloney for the past three years, is a young man and competent, and it is to the interest of every taxpayer to help him as he is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the office. "Charley Marsh" is a Umatilla county boy, his home being in Weston. He has grown up in eastern Oregon and has the respect and good will of all who know him. No one can say ought against him, either as to his character or his ability and a cleaner, more competent or gentlemanly candidate has never been before the voters of Umatilla county on any ticket. He will make an admirable public servant, and, if the best interests of the county are considered, will be elected. The office under his management is self-supporting. A new man must be installed at the expense of the taxpayer.

POLITICAL NOTES. A straw ballot taken at Cordray's theater, in Portland, on the mayoralty resulted as follows: R. D. Inman, 626; George H. Williams, 563. The republican county central committee of Jackson county has ordered the name of T. T. Geer, candidate for United States senator, published in its advertisements of the republican ticket. Saturday was Chamberlain day at Salem. The democratic candidate for governor and W. A. Wann, the candidate for superintendent of public instruction, spoke in the afternoon, and no one in Salem ever received a greater ovation. There was an immense crowd in Salem to attend the rally. George E. Chamberlain, democratic candidate for governor, will deliver a speech in Pendleton on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the court house. There will be others also, who will deliver brief addresses on the same occasion.

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