

POLITICS.

We often hear it mentioned that, "There is nothing in politics," so may it appear to them. By politics and political parties is meant the means embodying the actions of men through which the government of a country is administered. The books say that, "political means pertaining to the policy or the administration of government; political, in its higher and true sense, means that which pertains to the government of a nation. In this sense it includes the entire system of a nation's laws, constitutional and statutory." "Political rights consists in the power to participate directly or indirectly, in the establishment or management of government." "Political power consists of the three great attributes of sovereignty, namely, legislative, executive, and judicial authority."

This is all inherent in the people. Why then do we hear men saying there is nothing in politics? Only one answer can possibly be given, that is the one so asserting must be entirely ignorant of what he says in that regard.

It is more necessary in a republican or democratic form of government that two substantial political parties shall exist and be strongly maintained than only one. In view of this great truth arising out of the necessity for our existence as a nation, the democratic and republican parties have been strongly entrenched in the hearts of our people for half a century. The other parties which often spring up for a short time have a slight growth agitate, do some good at times; arouse the older parties to consider old questions again which have at various times been considered and passed out of notice. It would seem that there is something in politics when we learn the truth. How then can a man be a republican or democrat in national and state elections and in local elections the opposite? It would be as consistent to find a man serving his great Creator on Sunday and other selected times, and a worldly, wicked life at other times. In politics are embodied the principles of government state, local and national, which makes our country a failure, or us proud of its history and progress.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Articles of general interest will be published in this department as the personal opinion of the writers. It is understood that the paper is not held responsible for any opinion here expressed.

Should Parents Back the Teacher in Corporal Punishment?

Much indeed is expected of him who teaches in our public schools. The dear good people though perhaps careless to some other public matters, are fully alive to the short comings of the teacher and are ready to censure him on the slightest provocation, and to a certain extent this is right. If I give a priceless jewel into the hands of another for safe-keeping, am I not justified in manifesting a great degree of anxiety concerning the manner in which the jewel is guarded, lest from want of proper care it should become tarnished and worthless. Each one of these little children is a jewel placed in the hands of the teacher. Then how great should be the interest of the father and mother in regard to the training of their jewel, while with the teacher of public schools, lest evil influences should corrupt their tender plant. For the sake of good faith in humanity let us suppose that this is the reason why so much is expected of the teacher of the public school, that is why if possible, he must have all the virtues and none of the faults of human-

ity, this is why he must be a man of learning, this is why he must be capable of holding together successfully week to week 20 or 30 children of all ages and temperaments, children with all degrees of home training, from good to none at all.

The law of Heaven is obedience. The Universe is held by the same law. Every earthly government must recognize the same or anarchy and ruin will be its shameful destruction. No home will ever be worthy of the name without the same law recognized by every member of the household. Disobediences under any government dare not go unpunished. Rebellion is crime and must be justly punished, otherwise no government can stand. The students of our common schools must be subject to the rules and regulations that are laid down for the government of the school. The law delegates to the teacher the right to enforce the law, using whatever reasonable means that wisdom may dictate, in governing his school, and when this power is properly used it seems to me to be the duty of parents to stand by their teacher.

God gives the child parents and gives the parents a responsibility for which we must answer. We all are thankful today for all the chastening our parents ministered unto us. We may look back and think we know where they made some mistakes, but we have no regrets over our childhood chastising. If our parents did their duty on every line where they had understanding we are exceedingly thankful and would not have missed one stroke of the rod applied by a loving hand, that has long ago departed from us. The same hand that labored and toiled for our support, physically and often smoothed our troubled brow and held our little hand as we walked over dangerous places and caught us as we were falling, that hand also applied the rod of correction for the purpose of our security from the evil that so thickly surrounded us.

Said Archie Brown on the scaffold in Portland a few years ago: "I was a disobedient boy, as a result of my disobedience I am to be hanged." Brown's case is repeated among us too often. Disobedience toward the teacher, encouraged by the parents; disobedience toward the parent, then the downward course is rapid. Disobedience and disrespect for law must be punished whether in home, schoolroom, state or nation.

F. B. WILLIAMSON.
Oak Grove.

CORRESPONDENTS' CORNER.

Oak Grove Chips.

Mr. Claud Mansfield, of Albany, was a business caller here yesterday.

A meeting was held at North Palestine church Saturday to consider the advisability of extending the rural telephone system through the Wells community.

The snow came in due season, and those who had taken time by the forelock and had their cutters in readiness, got the benefit of a good sleigh ride—something that is not common in the Willamette valley.

Miss Birdie Woodward who is attending school in Albany spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. John Mayberry who has been spending a few days at Independence, returned home Saturday.

Rev. Lauer is still continuing his meetings. Large crowds meet from night to night and a good deal of interest is manifested.

The examinations begin today in public school. There are three who expect to graduate, Elmer Williamson, Mary Mayberry, and Ben Mc Elheney, and we hope they may be successful.

County court meets Saturday, and from general talk one is led to believe that Oak Grove will be well represented at the meeting, as there seems to be quite an interest taken in regard to the appointing of road supervisor for this district.

The parents meeting to be held at the Grange hall the 25 of this month is drawing near and people who expect to attend are making preparation to have a good time. We should all be interested in a meeting of this kind and put forth every effort to help Superintendent Denman along this line.

Belfountain.

Clyde Starr is again sick, and as yet the name of his illness is not known, but probably it is another attack of appendicitis or Lagrippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Owen Watkins has returned home after spending two week at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Davis, near Philomath.

The neighborhood is again filled with rumors of coyotes being seen here and there and most every day some one or some dogs are out chasing but as yet nothing but jack rabbits have been captured.

Mrs. Davis of Philomath, is a guest at the home of Mr. Watkins.

No. 4301.

Report Of The Condition Of The First National Bank of Corvallis, at Corvallis, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, January 11, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$139,557 19
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,635 15
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
U. S. Bonds on hand	400 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	52 25
Bonds, securities, etc.	21,725 10
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	21,619 76
Other real estate owned	3,137 44
Due from National Banks—not reserve	
agents	79,469 17
Due from State Banks and Bankers	15,216 06
Due from approved reserve agents	35,916 20
Internal Revenue stamps	289 90
Cheques and other cash items	730 42
Notes of other National Banks	1,915 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	148 28
LAWFUL MONEY RES. IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	243,558 91
Legal-tender notes	445 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	2,500 00
3 per cent. of Circulation	2,500 00
Total	\$480,285 43

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	684 32
National Bank notes outstanding	49,285 10
Due to other National Banks	464 51
Due to State Banks and Bankers	3,809 77
Dividends unpaid	100 00
Individual deposits subject to check	313,757 97
Demand certificates of deposit	46,231 86
Certificated cheques	697 00
Liabilities other than those stated above	5,000 00
Total	\$480,285 43

State of Oregon, County of Benton ss: I, Geo. E. Lilly, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. E. LILLY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of January, 1905.

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JAMES E. WEST,
H. E. No 12585, for the S1 SW1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4, Sec 24, Tp 10 S, R 7 W.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Howard L. Bush, By Frantz, John Bottinger, Wallace Frantz, all of Hoskins, Or.
GEO. W. BIBE, Receiver.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Benton, administrator of the estate of B. B. Barnes, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same properly verified, as by law required, at the office of J. F. Yates within six months from the date hereof.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was appointed executor of the last will and testament of C. E. Moor, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present same, with proper vouchers, to me at my home or to W. E. Yates at his office in Corvallis, within six months from this date.
PERSIS J. LINDEMAN, Executrix.
Dated January 10, 1905.

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