

# CORVALLIS GAZETTE



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## AN IMPROPER PRACTICE.

Much Importance Attached Thereto.

It is questionable if political "managers" ought to induce men to go on the ticket, "just to fill up." If a man like Telt Burnett is already in the field for office, it is nonsensical to talk a stranger into an acceptance of a nomination against him. Everybody knows that Telt Burnett ought to be re-elected. It would be a crime to turn down a man who has given Benton county taxpayers such peerless service as Telt Burnett has given. His one act of collecting taxes without an aid when there is not another county in the state that does not on such occasions employ from 5 to 28 deputies, is enough for the taxpayers to insist upon his retention in his position. It is money in the taxpayer's pocket, it is money in everybody's pocket, as well as a source of pride to everybody to have a sheriff like Telt Burnett, and what utter folly to put up as a candidate against him a young man who has hardly been in the county long enough to know the way to the county seat.

The above was printed in the Corvallis Times, May 15, and led us to make the following comment:

"Does the Times think that republicans ought to support Telt Burnett for the Times' sake? Do the republicans of this county owe the Times anything? How much money is contributed to the Times office in a year through the sheriff's office? The Times may know and this is the 'improper practice' he has referred to in his article of May 15—perhaps."

In view of our stand Mr. Burnett handed us the following affidavit which he desired us to publish:

State of Oregon, )  
County of Benton, ) ss

I, M. P. Burnett, being first duly sworn depose and say on my oath as follows: I am and have been for twelve months last past sheriff of Benton County, Oregon.

That during said time there has been paid to the Corvallis Times on account of printing passing through my office \$30.10 and no more, and that all printing done by said paper during said period of time is included in said \$30.10; that during same period of time the Corvallis Gazette has received for printing passing through my office the sum of \$72.08.

M. P. BURNETT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of May, 1906.

E. R. BRYSON,  
Notary Public for Oregon.

As regards the above figures, they stand only for a period of one year out of six that Mr. Burnett has been sheriff. About one-half the sum paid us was on the publication of the delinquent tax list sale, which was let by bid. Had the Times been the successful bidder the figures would have been about as much the other way.

It might be well to remark here that if we were able to outbid our competitor and thus save the county money on this occasion, could we not have saved the taxpayers of Benton something on other things had we been offered an opportunity to bid?

What we should have said in our article is "How much money is contributed to the Times' office in a year through the sheriff's office and other county offices?" In order to make plain the particular source of the Times' interest we shall produce the figures from all offices for the twelve months

Mr. Burnett has selected, showing the patronage of the Gazette and Times in comparison, as follows:

DATE.	TIMES	GAZETTE
May 1905.....	\$ 34 75	\$18 00
June ".....	23 00	
July ".....	10 00	
Aug ".....	20 00	15 00
Sep ".....	64 25	
Oct ".....	13 00	50
Nov ".....	11 75	
Dec ".....	51 00	7 30
Jan 1906.....		5 00
Feb ".....	42 25	31 13
Mar ".....	34 35	12 15
Apr ".....	56 00	5 00

Times \$360 35 Gazette \$94 08

These figures are taken from the court journal and we presume them to be correct. The anxiety of the Times to continue a good thing is apparent.

Come and drink with "Rebecca at the Well" at the Carnival. She uses "Distilled Water." 43-4

## The Horse Show.

On June 1 and 2 there is to be a mighty fine horse show in Corvallis. Horses of all breeds and every description will be here from all surrounding counties as well as from all Benton. All lovers of horseflesh should plan to attend. The show is evidently destined to be a drawing card. Even in Portland there is knowledge of our horse show, as is proved by the following which appeared in an Oregonian of recent date:

Officers and members of the Portland Commercial Club have been extended an invitation to attend the Benton county annual horse show, which will be held at Corvallis June 1-2. There will be exhibited at the show a collection of the finest horses of all breeds throughout the county and handsome prizes will be awarded. The show will be held under the auspices of the Benton county Citizens' League.

Corvallis has developed into quite a center for fine horses and it is said there have been more fine horses raised in Benton county in the last five years than in any other county in the state. It is not an uncommon thing for a team of draft horses to sell for \$500 to \$600 and thoroughbreds from \$250 to \$500 each.

A "Belated Introduction," tomorrow night.

## City Won Suit.

The City of Corvallis won out in the suit brought to enjoin the city from taking water from Rock Creek, said case having been argued in Eugene more than a week ago. Attorney E. R. Bryson appeared in behalf of the city. The suit was brought by Dr. G. R. Farra, who owns a water power sawmill on Rock Creek and declares his claim to water rights.

The suit was brought before Judge Harris in the circuit court for temporary injunction and the petition was refused. The motion was dismissed "without prejudice to plaintiffs to make another application for a preliminary order of injunction in case the defendants should fail diligently to proceed with legal proceedings to acquire whatever rights the plaintiffs may have in the waters of Rock Creek, sought to be condemned and appropriated by the City of Corvallis for its water system.

It is reported that A. J. Johns has purchased the J. M. Porter corner just north of the Occidental hotel.

Victor Spencer, who has been holding a position as druggist in a Portland establishment, returned home Saturday for a visit of a few weeks with relatives and friends.

Yesterday the annual city election was held in Corvallis. We went to press too early to get the final count. The last we heard was to the effect that all was peace and harmony between the various candidates.

## CHAMBERLAIN'S HISTORY.

The Oregonian of Friday Talks on The Governor.

While floundering around under the stunning blows of two roorbacks which they unwisely sprung, the democratic campaign managers made one more effort yesterday, as futile as the others. Their first exhibition of folly was their denunciation of Dr. James Withycombe, the republican nominee for governor, because he was born in England. This attack was so utterly un-American that not even the democrats would stand for it, and the vigorous expressions of disapproval which were heard from various sources caused a hasty sidestepping and backing and filling that made the managers appear ridiculous. The next break was an attack upon Withycombe because he has drawn \$12,000 from the treasury of the state and \$16,000 from the United States for services as a public officer. The purpose was to brand Withycombe as a recipient of public favor, but this line of attack was abruptly abandoned when it was shown that the democratic nominee, George E. Chamberlain, had drawn over \$40,000 from the state treasury and had been such a persistent office seeker that a leading democrat, Napoleon Davis, remarked that the democrats of Oregon had been supporting him for office almost continuously for 20 years.

The latest move, as absurd as others, is a claim that Chamberlain saved the initiative and referendum to the people of Oregon by notifying the legislature that he would veto bills to which emergency clauses were attached, if the emergencies did not in fact exist. This claim seems well founded at first glance, but an investigation shows that if the legislature "conspired" to defeat the referendum, as alleged, Chamberlain himself was one of the arch-conspirators.

The initiative and referendum section of the constitution provides that act of the legislature shall not go into effect for 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature, unless necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety. This section of the constitution was in effect in 1903, when the legislative session of that year passed innumerable acts with emergency clauses attached, even upon the most trivial matters, and Chamberlain never vetoed one of them for that reason. More than that, Chamberlain was one of the attorneys of record upon the brief in the trial of the Kadderly case in the supreme court, in which it was argued that the legislature was the sole judge of when an emergency existed, and that if the legislature declared an emergency the court could not investigate the question whether an emergency existed in fact. The point was carried upon the arguments thus produced, and with Chamberlain's help and approval, abuse of the emergency clause was made possible.

It was not until the session of 1905 that the Governor suddenly became alarmed for the welfare of the referendum. Whether he had repented of the wrongs he had been a party to in the session of 1903 or could see the possibilities of a grandstand play as a votegetter in 1906 may always be a question. But it was not until then that he raised the objection to the emergency clauses.

And even then he was not consistent, for the records of that session of the legislature show that he approved charter bills containing emergency clauses when the only purpose of the bills was to prevent, if possible, the enforcement of the local option liquor law, by giving the City Councils exclusive control of the sale of liquor. He approved

other measures containing emergency clauses when no emergencies existed, as, for example, in the case of the bill to fix the salary of the district attorney in Klamath and Lake counties at \$2,000 instead of \$1,500. He was willing to concede that this raise of \$500 a year in salary was necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and the act could not wait ninety days to take effect.

In view of the fact that Chamberlain was one of the "conspirators" in 1903 and helped defeat the purpose of the emergency clause before the Supreme Court, and was not consistent after he had sent his message to the legislature, the republicans are willing that Governor Chamberlain shall get all political capital possible out of his record.

## For Recorder.

Emery J. Newton is one of the successful teachers and farmers of Benton county and a most respected citizen. Is a native of this county, having been born on the old homestead five miles southwest of Corvallis.

He received his early education at the old school house known as the Newton school. After completing the course of study there he entered the OAC, graduating with honors in 1896. After graduating he taught school very successfully for a number of years.

In 1901 he was married to Minnie E. Cooper, at which time he began mixed farming the pursuit of which he is still following.

Mr. Newton has always taken a great interest in educational matters and for the past four years has been school clerk of the district in which he now lives.

He is a man of progressive views, is posted on the topics of the day. Above all things he is a staunch advocate of republicanism.

Mr. Newton is perfectly qualified to fill the office he is now seeking and the republicans of the county will not make a mistake to vote for him on June fourth.

## An Excellent Lecture.

The Congregational church was not large enough to accommodate the crowd that desired to hear the lecture of Dr. Anna Shaw, Thursday night, and while the church was packed, the crowd would have been larger had there been seating capacity. Miss Shaw spoke on the question of woman's suffrage, and she richly deserves the reputation she enjoys as one of the best woman orators in the United States today.

Throughout her address, Miss Shaw's fund of wit kept the audience in excellent humor. She was heartily applauded at various times and those disagreeing with her sentiments could not fail to enjoy the address, which was beyond the ordinary.

Miss Shaw was given a reception Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 at the Congregational church, by the ladies of that denomination.

## Passed the Senate.

Put on its final passage in the senate: the railway rate bill was passed late last Friday.

All the republicans voted for it except Foraker of Ohio. The democrats sullenly voted for it except Morgan and Pettus.

The bill will now go to the House for concurrence in the senate's amendment. This will be promptly given, the president will sign it and it will become the law.

You will miss a rare treat if you fail to hear R. V. Babcock, one of Oregon's fine violinists, at the "Carnival of Roses," May 31st. 43-4



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