

Candidates' Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of City Recorder of Heppner, subject to the will of the voters. Respectfully, J. F. WILLIAMS.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of City Recorder of Heppner, subject to the will of the voters. Respectfully, W. W. SNEAD.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of City Treasurer of Heppner, subject to the will of the voters. Respectfully, E. H. HEPPER.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Heppner, subject to the will of the voters. Respectfully, GEO. CONSER.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of City Treasurer of Heppner, subject to the will of the voters. Respectfully, LEON BRIGGS.

SENATOR MORROW RETURNS.

Unfortunately the latter part of last week Senator Morrow fell a victim to la grippe and found it necessary to come to his home, where he has had a very serious turn, verging on pneumonia, but now Dr. McSwor's reports him on the mend. The newspapers generally express their regret that the senator should be compelled to vacate his post during the session. He trusts that he will be able to return for the last week of the session. Representative Freeland is proving himself doubly vigilant during the senator's absence, and a correspondent of a Portland paper speaks of him thusly: "Representative Freeland, of Heppner, is a painstaking and careful member, and keeps well posted on all bills introduced."

OUR Eastern Oregon climate is proving a very erratic one just at present. A few days ago we were buried beneath 18 inches of snow, since when a thaw has swept the snow in time to allow the warm chinook to bring forth a rank growth of bunch grass and vegetation, convert the mud into dust, start the lawns, and a cause for us all to shed our winter garments. Then, Tuesday evening, a little blizzard surprises us from the north, and a layer of "beautiful snow," to the depth of three inches, awaits us the next morning. The agriculturists smile at these freaks as they store up a beautiful harvest for the coming season.

REPRESENTATIVE BAILEY, of Texas, during the running discussion in which much was said about the slavery of the Philippines, sought to disconcert General Grosvenor by saying: "I would like to ask the gentleman if this new crusade upon the old slavery question is to fly in the face of the president's generous offer to take care of the Confederate graves?" But he looked thoroughly ashamed of himself when General Grosvenor brought down the house by quietly replying: "In the graves of the noble men who fought for a mistaken cause was buried the opposition to the great principles of the republican party in the controversy for liberty and justice to all mankind; and, therefore, it is meet and proper that the leader of the republican party in this country should be the leader of the idea of protecting those graves; and I endorse every word he says."

THE bill to create a new county in Eastern Oregon, named Wheeler county, with Fossil as the county seat, was reconsidered by the lower house yesterday and passed by a fair majority. It now goes to the senate. The people in the district affected have been clamoring for relief for a great number of years—at least a dozen years—and there is no one opposed to the bill excepting the people of Condon, who believe the creation of a new county might detract somewhat from their prosperity or (in the case of county officers) their fees. If the bill is not passed at this session it will come up at the next, and the worst feature of leaving it unsettled is that, owing to the jealousies of the localities in favor of and opposed to the bill, no good man will offer himself for legislative office from these communities set against each other, for fear of being slaughtered. If it is not settled it will probably lose the republicans a representative some time when they will need it. By getting the matter out of the way now, county squabbling in that part of Oregon will be set at rest. The people demanding the new county need it, and need it badly. We hope the senate will complete the task commenced by the house. —Salem Statesman.

"THE right man in the right place" is the general republican comment upon Speaker Reed's selection of Representative Payne, of New York, to succeed the late Representative Dingley, as chairman of the house committee on ways and means and republican leader. Mr. Payne has been in the house 14 years and has long ranked as a leading member of that body.

SENATOR NELSON, of Minnesota, made an able speech against the Vest anti-expansion resolution, in which additional proof of our right constitutionally to govern the Philippines, as colonies, was produced, and, besides, he truthfully said: "Our duty is to breathe into the people of those islands the life and spirit which will enable them to enjoy and appreciate the government and the privileges that are to be given them."

UPON going to press it is yet undecided who the aspirants are for the three positions as councilmen. It is to be regretted that the solid business men show a hesitancy about occupying these positions, as the best interests of the community are at stake. Those we need as councilmen are men who have not only permanent business interests here but feel that moral influences for the benefit of the young and growing element is of vital consequence. The selections should be men of broad minds and with a stock of good sense.

A MERITORIOUS PRODUCTION.

The Dalles Club Minstrels Play to a Crowded House.

More than the unexpected happened Saturday evening when The Dalles Club Minstrels presented their show to the public. The production has been looked forward to for some time as one of the events of the season and a more happily surprised audience could not have been. The boys acquitted themselves in a manner that showed they were far superior to many traveling troupes that visit our city and by coming before the public more frequently would undoubtedly become artists in their respective lines. The Vogt opera house was crowded and it is estimated there were 450 people present. This is nothing more than a show of appreciation which is right and proper, for no matter what called upon, by whom or for what purpose, the "boys" have always lent a helping hand.

At 8:40 when the curtain arose and showed the entire company on the stage they were greeted with rounds of applause. After the opening overture the first thing announced on the program by the interlocutor, N. J. Sinnott, was the comic song, "Mr. Johnson, Don't Get Gay," by J. F. Hampshire, who acquitted himself in his usual fascinating way. Next was a bass solo by William Frank, who, indeed, has a fine voice and without doubt will be a singer of some note. Arthur Clark followed with a comic song entitled "I Don't Care if You Never Come Back," and was well received. That beautiful song, "She Was Bred in Old Kentucky," was then rendered by Charles Clarke, in his sweet voice, and brought down a storm of applause. He very graciously responded to an encore and sang "Just One Girl," and when through was greeted with rounds of applause. W. C. Crossen sang "My Ann Elizer" and made a great hit. This ended the first part, but between songs the end men, who were Hollister, Crossen, Hampshire and Arthur Clarke, made some very clever local hits, which were appreciated for their originality and appropriateness.

The second part opened with a duet by Hazel Wand and Lela Kelsey, entitled "How I Love My Lu." They were warmly received, but when they finished the house simply went wild with applause. For such young children they did better than was expected; in fact, it was one of the best numbers on the program. The "Quaker City Quartette," composed of W. Barrett, F. Snipes, C. Heppner and Wm. Frank, then appeared on the stage and sang several selections which pleased the audience greatly and was all that could be desired. The famous "Lorenzo Brothers," locally known as Carey Ballard and Claudi Kelsey, were the next attraction, and from their first appearance on the stage had the entire attention of the audience. Their tumbling, jumping, somersaults, and feats in this line was well worth the price of admission alone.

The loggerrain act by Messrs. Dawson and Heroux was one that held every one in suspense, for one trick so closely followed by another required the utmost attention. It will be but a short time until Mr. Dawson will rival the famous Heroux.

A clever character sketch by Messrs. Crossen and French, "The Warmest Babies in Coon Town," is especially deserving of mention. They acquitted themselves gracefully and were perfectly at ease while on the stage. Their farce tragedy was cleverly executed and was warmly applauded, which showed that the audience more than appreciated their efforts.

J. F. Hampshire and Arthur Clarke, in their original sketch, "Life in Alabama," were superior to any time they have yet appeared before a Dalles house. They are always good, but this was the time they excelled themselves. In the first of their sketches they took the part of an old couple and sang an old time song, and then Mr. Clarke, in a lightning change, appeared as a dandy and engaged

the audience with a monologue for a few minutes until Mr. Hampshire, the female impersonator, put in an appearance, when they sang several songs in their usual pleasing way, receiving rounds of applause, and as an encore did some very pretty dancing, introducing many new and difficult steps.

The cake walk, which was the grand finale of the play, was one of the best ever produced in the city. It is thought by some had the "walkers" partaken in the grand cake walk given at the Irish fair in Portland Friday our "ooons" would have surely carried away the prize. Fred Van Norden, in an excellent and easy manner, as master of ceremonies, introduced the couples and led the way. The first to appear were the little girls, Hazel Wand, in full dress costume, with Lela Kelsey on her arm. They did very credibly and held the audience in a spell, for no more graceful couples were seen on the stage. Messrs. Crossen and Barrett then came upon the scene, and from the applause they received one would have thought the cake was theirs. Next came Messrs. Parkins and Heroux and executed some very pretty steps and were awarded several rounds of applause. Messrs. Snipes and Heppner appeared in very pretty costumes and with grace and cleverness gave the spectators one of the prettiest dances of the evening. They were followed by Messrs. Fraud and Gilford, and from the moment of their entrance were given repeated applause. Their make-up was exceedingly good and they did more than justice to themselves. Last, but not least, were the stars of the evening, Messrs. Clarke and Hampshire, who executed the most difficult dance and were received with the most cordial greeting. After the grand march the contestants lined up, and as the cake was presented before each couple they were given repeated applause. The last in line were the little Misses Kelsey and Wand and when the cake was placed before them the building fairly shook with the applause of the audience. As announced in the program, the couple receiving the most applause was to be awarded the cake, so the last named couple was the successful one.

The orchestra, under the direction of Prof. A. T. Baldwin, discoursed sweet music during the performance, and the audience listened to it with great pleasure. Besides the players, much praise is due B. H. Lonsdale, who is business manager of the company, for a great deal is due to his efforts that the show was the decided success it was. As a parting word I will say, boys, you have worked hard to give the public a good time, and we can candidly say you have succeeded to the utmost.

"A QUIET FAMILY"

Successfully Brought Out on Saturday Evening and Well Attended.

On Saturday evening occurred the most enjoyable entertainment Heppner people have had an opportunity to witness for a long time, in the presentation of the farce, "A Quiet Family," by local talent, assisted by Miss Henriette Coverly, late of the Garrick Theatrical Club of New York City.

There was quite a program, in addition to the farce, the first number being a piano solo by Miss Julia Hart, which was rendered in her brilliant style, who responded to an encore.

Then came the farce, which, of course, was as far from being a quiet family as could be imagined. Each character was sustained and carried perfectly, but Dr. Metzler, as Mr. Barnaby Bibbs, even in his "fiz-fiz" part, is entitled to be styled the star of them all.

Then Miss Emma Welch sang a solo entitled "Sleep, Sweet Angel." Miss Welch was never heard to better advantage, being in perfect voice, and charmed the audience, eliciting an encore on account of the length of the program.

Next came a tambourine dance by Miss Elsie Bartholomew, which more than delighted the audience. She was dressed in a Spanish dancing costume of red, yellow and black, and was obliged to respond to a very enthusiastic encore.

The athletic specialties of Mr. E. M. Shurtz were greatly appreciated by every one, he being as adept in the acrobatic art. He performed several very difficult and graceful feats, and received hearty applause repeatedly.

Then came "Billy" Myers in his song and dance specialties, which kept the large audience in an uproar of laughter with his funny sayings, and pleased them with his songs and dancing.

The cake walk by two "swell couples," known in town as Miss Cora Hart and Mr. Frank Johnson, fairly brought the house down. Miss Hart, as Miss Helen Hunt, acquitted herself most gracefully and looked charming in white satin and diamonds, while Mr. Johnson's costume was—well, it was heard in lone, so they say. He executed the steps of the cake walk very gracefully. They "took the cake," which was presented by a small "colored gentleman" known in private life as Nelson Bartholomew.

The success of the entertainment, for it was a decided success, is largely due to the efforts of Miss Coverly, who having drilled each person taking part in the farce and worked hard and diligent to the end. Then too, Miss Julia Hart is entitled to share in the praise, having acted as prompter at each rehearsal and rendering great service as accompanist.

The ladies are said to be very grateful to Mr. Meyers for the kindly assistance rendered them in the work, both before and behind the scenes, as his professional skill proved invaluable.

There was a very good house out, all the reserved seats being taken before 5 o'clock in the evening, and every one was well pleased with the entertainment and felt proud that Heppner could put on such a play and make such a grand success of it.

A SOUND OPINION.

What One From the State of Washington Has to Say of H. W. Scott.

From Walla Walla Union Special Correspondence from Portland.

One of our friends was in Portland last week and met there an acquaintance from the sound, a man of business qualities and some influence and experience, whose opinions are sought after. Said he: "It is a wonder to us, over on the sound, how your people endure the tyranny of the 'only newspaper.' If Washington had such an affliction there would be sufficient enterprise and loyalty and self-respect to see that a first-class independent journal was made the organ of public opinion."

"The intolerance and abusiveness of this man Scott is all built on circumstances. He is not brave and his abuse is founded on the news monopoly he holds, that the courts would abolish as a measure for public safety, if the question reached any high tribunal. With him it is solely to persecute and defame all who are not with him and subservient to him and useful to his 'push and pull.' And all the while that he is preaching independence he is owned by somebody, and so far off as Washington we think we know who it is. He has done a multitude of dirty work to please this owner; there is no flint he wouldn't wade through to do his bidding. In fact, he is owned body, soul, breeches and newspaper."

"As for policy, it is evident he is not a protectionist; he throws slurs on the tariff at every opportunity. As for finance, he is a 'gold bug' because some bank has a mortgage on his body, soul and newspaper. He has no conscience to pledge for anything. He has had some ability, but it grows small by degrees and beautifully less as his digestion grows weaker. His mind is impaired, but his rancor grows in inverse ratio. To not agree with him is to be against him, and to be against him is to—"

"As for ability, take away his monopoly and he would be nowhere. The business brains are all with his partner, who has no such liabilities. He makes the money; but could make twice as much if nine-tenths of the patrons were not disgusted with Scott. This is shown by the fact that with us papers having much less circulation do twice as much advertising, and that is what pays. Portland merchants do a perfunctory business, because they don't half advertise, all because they depreciate the paper's unholy influence. In truth, it is a curse to your state. No man dare risk money in opposition—not because they fear Scott; but because they know he is the tool of millions of money that will be recklessly wasted to break down any honest effort. If Scott had not this lever of power and monopoly, there is nothing to keep him on his feet."

Continuing, he said: "A year ago I was in Washington and made friends with the Oregon delegation, who kindly helped me in some matter of interest. Having read Scott's abuse of Ellis, McBride and Herman, I was prejudiced, but delighted to find that these men were kindly gentlemen and had influence. This I learned by what they did for me. Ellis was well thought of and should have stayed there in the interest of Oregon. Mr. McBride was working harder than any senator, doing splendidly for Oregon; not taking to social ways, but keeping to work. He had much influence and made many friends for Oregon in congress. McBride is a gentleman—so are they all, for they proved it by their kindness to me. But Scott is not a gentleman and never could be—and never wanted to be."

"I had business with Herman and found him as straight as a string. I soon saw that he had a full supply of the 'sanitized motto,' and one day when sitting by, while some visitors were urging a matter Herman did not approve, I saw that he also had the 'fortiter in re.' He is much thought of; when Washington respects a man and honors him, and the president honors and makes much of him, after long and intimate acquaintance, he can stand lots of abuse from Harvey Scott, such as I read the other day."

"But, all the same, we over in Washington, who fight for sound money—and have won—consider that Scott does more harm to the cause than populism and democracy combined. He is cold, brutal, heartless—yes, damnable! His memory—if any shall take pains to remember him—will be that his course and influence were a curse to his state. Yes, and to all this region."

Pausing a moment, he added: "It is possible that if I were an Oregonian it would be dangerous for me to open my mind and escape damnation, but, thank a good providence, my home is in the land of the free, over on the sound country."

"This opinion comes from over the border, and it is well enough to keep the run of what our neighbors think of us. All we have to say in this connection is, that it is very doubtful if Oregon had gone republican in 1896 had not such men as are the subject of Oregonian criticism taken an active part in making a sound money campaign. We owe to them the fact that Oregon has been republican and not populist, and it is time this fact was recognized."

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WILL IN A GRAVE.

It Was Found After Thirty Years in a Buried Family Bible. After lying in a man's coffin for more than 30 years a will has been exhumed at Leaveyworth, Ind., and its terms are likely to increase a troublesome litigation among the heirs of the man who had the document buried with him, says a local exchange.

Jacob Kissinger was the man. The will was found by accident, because, when Kissinger died, although the will was believed to have been made, nobody could find it. So the heirs went to law, and have been at it for three decades. A few days ago a dispute arose which could be cleared up by the family Bible. So the old grave was opened and the Book taken out. It was in a good state of preservation, and when opened, to the surprise of everyone, disclosed the old man's will. By the terms of the document found in the grave, the property of Kissinger was divided equally among five children, one of them a resident of Germany and born of Kissinger's first wife. And this is where the new trouble begins. None of the four American heirs ever heard of the father's first marriage, and not one of them guessed that he had a brother in Europe.

The German heir, of course, has been in ignorance, too, of the existence of his American brothers, and the property and money bequeathed to him. If he presses his claim now it is said that the four brothers who live here will have quite a hole made in their purses when they pay him what is his by his father's will.

Timber Culture—Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, THE Dalles, Oregon, Jan. 31, 1899. Notice is hereby given that William Kummerland of Heppner, has filed notice of intention to make final proof before J. Crawford, county clerk at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on Saturday, the 11th day of March, 1899, on timber culture application No. 278, for the northwest 1/4 of section No. 31, in township No. 2 south, range No. 29 east, W. M.

He names as witnesses Orrin R. Day, James E. Wren, Nathaniel L. Shaw and Arthur J. Hunt, all of Heppner, Oregon. JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, January 26, 1899. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed at this office by Thomas D. Matthews, contestant, against the homestead entry No. 6698, made December 12, 1893, for the north 1/4, southwest 1/4 and southwest 1/4, southwest 1/4, section 11, and northwest 1/4, north west 1/4, section 14, township 1 north, range 27 east, W. M., by Frank Glen, of Galloway, Oregon, contestant; in which it is alleged that said Glen has wholly abandoned the said tract and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date herein; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by the said party as required by law; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations, at 10 o'clock a. m. of March 28, 1899, before A. Malory, United States commissioner, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on April 2, 1899, before the register and receiver of the United States land office at La Grande, Oregon.

The said contestant, having in a proper affidavit filed October 27, 1898, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made; it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

E. J. SWEET, Register.

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