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An early spring is predicted. The hills are green. Stockmen are of the opinion that grass will be unusually good this season.

The Long Creek Ranger has appeared from the dynamite wreck, and Mr. Coe has decided to continue the publication of his paper.

As the Republican congressional convention approaches it becomes more and more apparent that there is little or no opposition to Mr. Williamson in Morrow county. The Morrow county delegation will be solid for Williamson.

Grant county loyalty among its own citizens seems to be somewhat lacking. A number of the people there want to split the county in two and make another county. In another district they want to cut off a good sized slice and become annexed to Morrow county. This, with a county seat fight as a side issue will not do Grant county any good.

Never in the history of the Inland Empire were the prospects for a prosperous year more encouraging than at present. The unusually mild and favorable winter came at a good time. Among stock interests there have been no losses to speak of, notwithstanding the fact that the stockmen have carried through large holdings. March is here and stock will get through all right. While stockmen are in good spirits, farmers have also cause to feel good. Wheat has germinated well and has grown all winter. The ground is soaked with moisture, and there is every indication that the coming crop will be a good one. The acreage in wheat in Morrow county this year is greater than ever before.

A great many people, in fact most people cannot understand and wonder why mistakes occur in newspapers in giving the news. The editor or newsgatherer is usually blamed and charged with stupidity for not being everywhere to personally investigate every detail of facts, which is impossible. The Baltimore News in answering a correspondent who wanted to know why so many mistakes occur in newspapers, throws out considerable light as follows: "Every man who has had experience in the affairs of this world knows how difficult it is to get things right. No two people will give precisely the same testimony about a given state of facts. Every lawyer knows the unreliability of human testimony. With such an unchangeable condition no candid newspaper professes to attain anything more than approximate accuracy. Reputable papers struggle against this difficulty and try to maintain a high standard of correctness. The press devotes itself with greater concentration of purpose and energy to the effort to be accurate than to any other one thing."

THINGS POLITICAL.

Political Pot Getting Past the Simmering Stage.

The political atmosphere is everywhere apparent and there is something doing.

The prohibitionists have taken the initiative and did not wait for anybody and already have a ticket in the field.

The near approach of the republican primaries and county convention is causing some activity in republican ranks, while the democrats are sawing wood and saving nothing. For the democratic ticket for all of the offices, available timber seems to be scarce and only a few names have been mentioned.

Republicans are working in harmony and feel confident. Claims of success are based upon the satisfactory condition of county affairs under republican administration and a good sized majority to bank upon.

For county judge, among the republicans, Geo. J. Currin is an active candidate, and being a strong man is developing considerable strength.

For this office the name of R. F. Hynd is also prominently mentioned, however, Mr. Hynd has not announced himself as a candidate.

Among the democrats there are several names of well known people up for the chief executive of the county court.

The present incumbent, T. W. Ayers will accept the nomination. J. R. Simons, of Heppner, is a candidate, and J. A. Woolery, of Ione, is also quietly working for the coveted plum.

For clerk, in the republican camp there are two active candidates. The present incumbent, Vawter Crawford is a candidate. James Hart is also a candidate.

In the democratic fold not a single name has been mentioned, and if there is anything up a sleeve, it has not materialized. So far it is a dark horse.

The present sheriff, E. M. Shutt is out for the nomination for a second term.

Among the democrats, L. L. Matlock seems to be the only candidate.

For treasurer, M. Lichtenthal desires the nomination for another term. The names of E. L. Freeland, L. W. Briggs and A. Andrews have also been mentioned as aspirants for custodians of the finances of the county.

Like the clerk's office the democratic candidates have failed to appear.

For assessor, with the republicans there is not a dearth of candidates.

W. S. Conner and A. C. Pettys of Ione, Geo. Bleakman, of Hardman, Sam Willis and Jay W. Shipley, of Heppner, are out for this office.

Again, for assessor, the democrats have nary a word, and so far not a name to mention.

For school superintendent, there are two republican candidates, S. E. Notson, of Lexington, and E. Jay Merrill.

No democratic candidates have yet appeared.

Dr. Reid's name, of Ione, has been mentioned for coroner on the republican ticket.

For commissioners J. D. French and F. M. Griffin, present incumbents, and W. J. Blake, of Ione, are candidates on the republican ticket.

The congressional situation in Morrow county is that Williamson will have a walkover. It is generally conceded that Mr. Williamson is entitled to a second term.

Anna Julia Balsiger.

The funeral of Miss Balsiger which occurred at Ione, last Sunday, was one of the largest ever held in Morrow county. A special train went from Heppner carrying over 100 people.

Miss Anna Julia Balsiger was born in Highland, Ills., Feb. 6th, 1866, and died in Portland, Ore., Feb. 25th, 1904, aged 38 years.

She attended the public schools of Highland in her earlier years, graduating from the high school there in 1880.

She began teaching in her fourteenth year, assisting in high school work.

The following year, 1881, when she was but 15 years of age, she was regularly employed as a primary teacher which position she held for two years.

In 1883 she was employed as a primary teacher in Dow City, Iowa, which position she held with universal acceptability for nine years. At that time, in 1892, she was persuaded by two of her brothers to come to Oregon, with the understanding that she was to take a year's rest, which was necessary owing

March, April, May

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to the intense energy which she had put into more than eleven years of constant work in a school room.

But her vital forces were quick to respond to relaxation, and her active and energetic nature would not permit her remain idle a moment longer than was necessary, and contrary to the wishes of her friends she accepted a position which was offered her in the public school of Heppner, where she filled the position of assistant principal acceptably for a number of years.

In 1894 she was tendered the nomination of County Supt. of Schools of Morrow County. She was elected and for two years discharged the arduous duties of that office with impartiality and the strictest and most careful attention to every detail of this exacting position.

Two years ago, feeling that her aged parents needed more of her care and attention, she secured the position of Principal of the public school Ione, so that she might be constantly near them in their declining years. This position she has filled with satisfaction, both to herself and those who patronize or are interested in the school. She was devotedly attached to her parents, loved and cared for them with the greatest tenderness and was happy in having her work where she could have them constantly with her.

For some months she had not been strong, but she would not lessen her work or slight it in any way, taking up more rather than laying down any responsibilities or duties.

She loved her pupils and was loved by them and she wanted to keep them with her and under her own influence and instruction. Early in January however, it was absolutely necessary for her to give up school work, and on Feb. 11, it was necessary to take her to Portland to undergo a surgical operation for appendicitis. This operation was successfully performed, but an acute attack of Bright's disease set in which soon terminated fatally, after some days of the most intense suffering. Her mother and one brother were with her at the hospital during her last illness and until she passed away. Her last conscious moments were spent in comforting the friends whom she was leaving. Just before her departure she turned to her mother, who was watching by her bedside, and said, "You don't care, dear mamma, do you, if I go to my God? I want to."

She leaves behind to mourn her departure her dear parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Balsiger, five brothers and one sister, Mrs. Chas. Allinger, other relatives and a host of friends throughout the county and elsewhere.

County Central Committee.

A meeting of the Democratic Central Committee will be held in Heppner on Wednesday, March 9, 1904, at 1:30 p. m., at the Palace Hotel parlors for the purpose of selecting the time for holding primaries and county conventions, and transaction of such business as may come before the committee.

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FOR COUNTY JUDGE--

To the legal voters of Morrow County Oregon. I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the will of the Republican County Convention.

Very Respectfully,
GEO. J. CURRIN.

FOR ASSESSOR--

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Assessor, subject to the will of the Republican County Convention.

JAY W. SHIPLEY.

FOR COUNTY CLERK--

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Clerk subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention of Morrow County, Oregon.

JAMES HART.

FOR CLERK--

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Clerk, subject to the will of the Republicans of Morrow county.

VAWTER CRAWFORD.

FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Being afflicted with the malady known as "Office Itch," I seek relief by announcing myself as a candidate for County School Superintendent subject to the decision of the convention on March 19, 1904.

Respectfully submitted,
E. JAY MERRILL, Hardman.

FOR SHERIFF--

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff, subject to the decision of the republican county convention.

E. M. SHUTT.

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Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Morrow County Land & Trust Company will be held at the office of the Company in Heppner, on Saturday, March 12, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and other business that may come before the meeting.

R. F. HYND, Secretary.
Heppner, Or., Feb. 3, 1903.

Grand Ball!!

What promises to be the best dance of the season will be given at

Lexington, March 17
Artisan Hall

A cordial invitation is extended to all who enjoy dancing.

Grand March at 8:50

A Full Orchestra

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