

Who is Your Choice?

The Herald is particularly anxious to secure a representative vote from its readers as to their choice for President and Vice President. While the result shows only local sentiment, it creates an interest, and gives some indication of the direction from which the political wind is blowing. In each issue will be found a blank ballot. Fill it out and mail it to The Herald. Do it Now and help create an interesting contest.

IN looking over the files of the Herald we observed the following, which in general is as applicable today as it was before the last state election. If it were written again it might be made a little more specific. For instance as to salary. Mr. Robinson has been drawing \$2500 a year, the highest salaried County Superintendent in the state. In addition to that he has a stenographer at \$75 per month, that does practically all his work, except place his signature to certificates and other documents. Examinations are practically all handled by the county examining board, at additional expense to the county. As to his attention to office duties it is a well known fact among school officers of the county that he can rarely be found in his office. He has been conducting a magazine, and has been engaged in real estate deals in the southern part of the state to a very considerable extent. Of late years he has made some effort to cover his inattention by rounding up the school boards of the county along in the spring and giving them an all day course of instruction at the county expense. In fact expense has never been an object of consideration with Robinson.

Mr. Robinson has been an instructor, county superintendent of Polk county, a principal in the Portland city schools, and county superintendent of Multnomah county for this the third term. He has not done an original thing while in office. He has been a close follower of Superintendent Ackerman in plans and theories. He has, we venture to say, more opponents among the teachers of the county, outside of the Portland schools where he has little influence, than any other man that ever held the job. He is respected neither for his honor or ability, but for his official position. He is superintendent of one of the smallest counties of the state and gets the highest salary. Within the last five years about half of his superintendency has been absorbed by the city of Portland, and yet his salary has not been effected. True, he has the largest number of teachers in his county of any in the state, but outside of the 40 or 50 country schools, his work of superintendency is practically limited to certification and he has the assistance of the county board and a clerk paid by the county. During the time he has held the office he has been dabbling in about everything that passed. He was educational director of the Lewis & Clark Fair, a work that took him out of his office from June to October. During the Seattle Fair he spent some months in charge of the Oregon educational exhibit. He was a lobbyist at the state legislature of 1908-9, supposedly for the notorious special appropriation for the Oregon exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon Fair, and it has been supposed that his efficient service here secured the appointment as educational director of the Oregon exhibit at Seattle. His work on outside matters takes him away from official duties a big part of his time. As school supervisor his attention has been limited to a few weeks in the late spring when he usually makes his visits to the country school. He has rarely made more than one visit a year and sometimes misses a school altogether. Instead of assisting the teacher early in the term, or at frequent intervals during the year, when a new teacher so much needs supervision and advice. Mr. Robinson is rarely known to visit his teachers before the last month of the term, frequently the last day of the last week and sometimes not at all.

Register today! Another week will be too late!

IT appears from an article in the Wednesday Oregonian, that Mr. Albert, of Salem, one of the highway commission advocates of the \$2,000,000 road bond issue, is very much disappointed with the prospect of a new set of bills such as are about to be proposed by the "Harmony Committee." Prospects seem good for the advocates of the state bonding plan to get into a lengthy linguistic warfare now, that will result in their accomplishing nothing. That will leave the measures that are now proposed by the State Grange, a free field and no opposition, except those who are opposed to bonding altogether. Mr. Albert is one of the leading bankers of the state. A million dollar bond issue at four and one-half per cent. does not look as good as a two million issue at five per cent. And in neither case does the burdening of the state with an indeterminate bond issue look good to the mass of the people.

THE action of Messrs. Carter and Davis in withdrawing from their candidacy for the District Atty. office deserves the highest degree of commendation. It is rare indeed when men will sacrifice their own ambitions to another's desire or for the public good. The very action of these men commends them as being entirely worthy of the position they sought. Mr. Evans will now have an undivided support of all those people who are interested in good administration of the office, and they will be extremely disappointed if he does not come up to their expectations.

THE high cost of living is very largely explained in an article on page 625 of McClures' April Magazine, in an article entitled, "Matrimony—Our Most Neglected Profession." Every mother who has the responsibility of bringing up one or more daughters should be interested in this article. It makes it very plain that most girls begin married life with no knowledge whatever of their responsibilities as the "purchasing partner" in the home. Better give the girls a chance to do the home buying on an allowance for a month and see how they come out.

PRESENT registration would indicate that less than a third of the people of the Mt. Scott district have registered. If we are to have our weight in determining who are to be the officers of the county and state now is the time to get busy. Don't delay another day. The registration office will be open all day and evening until five o'clock Tuesday.

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COLLEGE EDUCATION.

Whether a man has a college education or not matters very little. Information is the important thing—indeed, the essential thing. He may acquire it at college or he may acquire it somewhere else. If the college professors are good instructors college life ought to shorten the process of acquiring information; but, in my judgment, a teacher, like a poet, is born, not made. I value highly the benefits which I derived from certain of my college professors. Some of them were most excellent teachers and trainers of youth, some of them misfits. One of the very best and most serviceable of all my instructors was a drunken, strolling Englishman, but he was a born teacher. There is a great deal of time wasted at college by studying things which can be of very little service to the average citizen. The average college curriculum in the United States needs overhauling. A youth who has not the advantages of a college education, whatever they may be, and they are many, can pursue his studies with great success if he has an acquaintance who can direct him what to study. The college professor who does not arouse in his pupil a love of learning is not worth his salt.—Champ Clark.

HUMILITY.

Lowliness is the base of every virtue, and he who goes the lowest builds the safest.—Bailey.

To be nameless in worthy deeds exceeds an infamous history.—Sir Thomas Browne.

And be the Spartan's epitaph on me—
Sparta hath many a worthier son than he. —Byron.

God hath sworn to lift on high Who sinks himself by true humility. —Keble.

Humility is to make a right estimate of oneself. It is no humility for a man to think less of himself than he ought, though it might rather puzzle him to do that.—Spurgeon.

SECRET OF LONG LIFE.

So far as I feel at liberty to attribute my length of days to anything that I can pretend to have done, I may say that I was fortunate rather than wise enough to retire from active business before I was fifty years of age. Since then I have endeavored to lead an industrious life as ever, but in doing things which were agreeable to me and avoiding everything likely to give me anxiety or care. I have always been careful about what went into my mouth—more careful than about what came out of it. Since I was fifty I haven't done any breadwinning. When I was forty I began to give up. Since then I haven't let anything worry me. I'm very industrious. After a man is forty his powers begin to decline. A young man ought to foresee that and set aside something each week in a bank that he can't open. Never mind how little he gets—let him put away something. Then he can turn some day from earning a living and be useful. I have complete independence and liberty now because I did that. I have done work for nothing without thinking about money for a long time.—John Bigelow.

WOMEN AND INDUSTRY.

The uncertainty about America's future adds fascination to the interest which many women are manifesting in many phases of public affairs. We do not know what is going to happen to us, but we are resolved to be a potent factor in the determination of our future. Women have vivid imagination and idealism, and the present state of our civilization, with all its possibilities, holds so much of allurements that it is difficult nowadays to find a woman so concerned with her home that she takes no interest in public affairs. On the other hand, though there are 9,000,000 women engaged in industries outside the home. Marriage, the rearing of children and development of homes are still very popular and vitally important occupations. Our young women, while more sophisticated on the surface, are still as susceptible to the advances of the "little winged god" as were the heroines of Jane Austen's days, who had no more important object in life than to secure a husband. Then, too, those who study the question carefully believe that women will not permanently remain in industry. Now it has all the glamour of newness, but already the tide is beginning to set backward toward the old home life.—Mrs. John Hays Hammond.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Potato growing in the Klamath basin has received a big impetus.

Forest Grove claims one of the best high school orchestras in Oregon.

Union county will teach scientific agricultural instruction to children.

At Hood River Warren Miller sold a 2-year-old hog that tipped the scale at 503 pounds.

La Grande's commercial club will construct a \$100,000 office building and club home this summer on the unit plan.

A farmers' co-operative store is to be started at Roy, a station on the P. R. & N. railroad, five miles north of Forest Grove.

A congress of governors and a convention of states are added features proposed for the Rose Festival in Portland June 10-15.

John Murchison, who for several years has resided in Grant county, committed suicide near Dayville, by taking carbolic acid.

Douglas county this year has the honor of being the first county in the state to come forward with half its share of the state taxes.

The old City Hall that has served the city of Grants Pass for a number of years was struck off to the highest bidder for the sum of \$10,000.

Governor West has issued a requisition upon the governor of California for the return to Portland of T. J. Uhlman, charged with larceny by baillee.

Extradition papers have been issued by Governor West for F. A. Sternberg, alias Stein, who is under arrest in Portland and is wanted in San Francisco.

For the first time in many years Douglas county is free from debt and on a cash basis. After all outstanding warrants are paid, \$32,058 will remain in the treasury.

From the latest movements in railroad circles indications now point to the resumption of work on the Klamath-Natron cutoff immediately following the first of May.

A deal for the sale of the Eugene General hospital to the Sisters of Mercy of the Catholic church has been completed and they will take charge of the institution May 1.

Charles H. Kelley, formerly traveling auditor for the Pacific Power & Light company, with headquarters in Portland, died at Astoria from tuberculosis after a long illness.

As a result of the "booster day" held by the Dallas commercial club, over 100 new names were added to the membership roll, bringing the total up to over 200 active members.

All candidates whose names will be placed on the primary ballots must have their completed petitions on file not later than next Friday. That is the last day petitions can be received.

A favorable report was made to the senate on several Chamberlain bills to pay claims on small Indian tribes scattered about Oregon. The payments are based upon treaties made in the '50s.

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