

**The Daily Astorian.**  
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THE MOST IMPORTANT.

COUNTY conventions, Republican and Democratic, are now being held all over the state to nominate candidates for the June election, and politicians are sitting up late discussing who is best calculated to run for the legislature, "if he'll have it."

And all over the state the same mistake is being made—ignoring the most important offices in the gift of the people.

Take it here or any county of Oregon and you'll find ninety-nine out of a hundred giving themselves concern about the legislature, and the sheriff and the county clerk—and letting the rest go so far as they are concerned.

The county judge and the county commissioners are the most important to the people of the county. That is the positions are important, affecting as they do, the interests of those who pay the county's bills.

The salary should be commensurate with the importance of the position.

The fact is our county machinery is poorly constructed. The county commissioners hold the purse strings and can make or mar the finances of the community—and they get less per diem than a man working on the streets.

The county judge can aid or retard measures involving thousands of dollars and gets as much in a year as the county clerk can make in a month.

Because of this our county boards cannot afford to give the attention to the county business that it should have, and the result is the county suffers.

The positions should be well paid, sufficiently so to justify frequent sessions, careful and exhaustive scrutinizing of bills and accounts; deliberations for public welfare, instead of a hurried session, semi-occasionally.

The county judge should receive \$2,500 a year; the county commissioners \$2,000 a year each. No business man will work for nothing and do justice to the work.

**NECESSARY LEGISLATION.**

The three members from Clatsop, at the next meeting of the legislature, will have an opportunity to aid in some wholesome legislation, not only for this city, but for the entire state.

Foremost among legislative needs is the repeal of the present statute known as the "exemption of indebtedness." This ancient fraud exists only by sufferance. It has no adequate reason for its existence; it is condemned by everybody whose opinion is worth having, and is a detriment to the state's best interests and is a positive injustice to seven out of ten of the taxpayers of the state.

Before and during the last session of the legislature THE ASTORIAN made an effort to secure the repeal of this iniquitous measure. A bill to so repeal it passed the house by a good majority; then it went to the senate; there it was smothered in the committee room. It never saw the light again. A political boss who is no more got the credit of this job. A man who would prostitute his position as chairman of a state central committee to put a tool of his on the state supreme bench, is not above strangling a healthy legislative infant, if it gave promise of annoyance of his financial associates.

We look for better results from the next legislature, and to see a bill put through both houses that will wipe out this menace to the property of the poor man, and thus do tardy justice to the great majority of the taxpayers of the state.

The way to have this result brought about is to have the candidates for the legislature pledge themselves that if elected they will vote and work for the repeal of that odious clause permitting the allowance of indebtedness in the state to make up the tax list.

The people have the power in their hands if they want to use it.

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**A PROCLAMATION.**  
THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF the laws of the United States are hereby published for the information of all concerned:

Section 1954, Revised Statutes, Chapter 3, Title 22, enacted that: "No person shall kill any other, mink, marten, sable, or for seal, or other fur-bearing animal, within the limits of Alaska Territory, or in the waters thereof; and every person guilty thereof, shall, for each offense, be fined not less than two hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and all vessels, their tackle, apparel, furniture and cargo, found engaged in violation of this section, shall be forfeited, but the Secretary of the Treasury shall have power to authorize the killing of any such animal, except fur seals, under such regulations as he may prescribe, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to prevent the killing of any fur seal, and to provide for the execution of the provisions of this section until it is otherwise provided by law, nor shall he grant any special privileges under this section."

Section 2 of the act entitled "An act to provide for the protection of the salmon fisheries of Alaska," approved March 2, 1889, provides that:

"Section 3. That section 1954 of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby declared to include and apply to all the dominion of the United States in the waters of Behling Sea, and it shall be the duty of the President at a timely season in each year to issue his proclamation, and cause the same to be published for one month at least in one newspaper of any such there be published at each United States port of entry on the Pacific coast, warning all persons against entering such waters for the purpose of violating the provisions of said section, and he shall also cause one or more vessels of the United States to diligently cruise said waters and arrest all persons and seize all vessels found to be or to have been engaged in any violation of the laws of the United States therein."

Now, therefore, I, BENJAMIN HARRISON, President of the United States, pursuant to the above recited statutes, hereby warn all persons against entering the waters of Behling Sea within the dominion of the United States, for the purpose of violating the provisions of said section 1954, Revised Statutes; and I hereby proclaim that all persons found to be, or to have been engaged in any violation of the laws of the United States, in said waters, will be arrested and punished as above provided, and that all vessels so employed, their tackle, apparel, furniture and cargo will be seized and forfeited.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fourteenth.

BENJ. HARRISON.  
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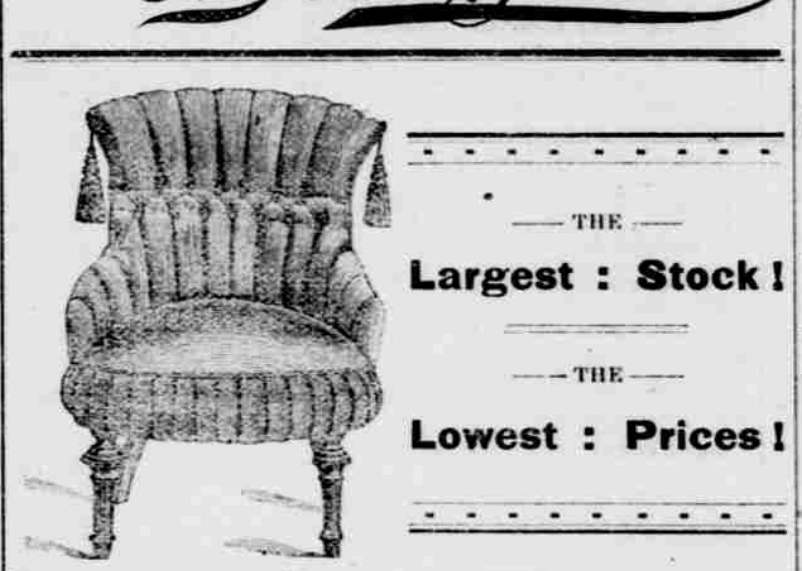
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