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NEW PRESS.

Some time ago it was announced that the LEADER would be published twice a week, but soon thereafter our press became somewhat erratic, rendering the publication of a semi-weekly newspaper thereon impracticable. We have been endeavoring to overcome these obstacles, but it seems that it can only be accomplished satisfactorily by installing a new and modern press, or one more suitable for the needs and requirements of the LEADER office. We are now negotiating for a new drum cylinder press and hope to have it installed ready for operations by the first or middle of May, when it is our intention to issue the Lane County LEADER twice a week.

There are plenty of farmers in the United States but there is a scarcity of hired men, who get the best of wages, and they are difficult to secure. Statistics are authority for the statement that there are more than five million farmers and less than two million hired men. Farmers' sons to the number of two million are a great help on the big farms, but there remain yet many thousands of farmers who must be their own farmers from the fact that any number of bright young men swarm into the cities, vying with each other in over-crowded occupations with scant pay and poor lodgings, rather than to lead an independent, free and easy life on the many farms throughout the country.

Thomas Alken, in charge of the federal sub-treasury, has outlined the Republican national platform for 1904, as follows: It will stand for protection, sound currency, the early completion of the Isthmian canal, justice to capital and labor alike. Capital and labor have inherent lawful rights and it will oppose all illegal combinations of capital organized for the purpose of fixing rates and stifling competition. He rejoiced that the position of the President was sustained by the supreme court in the great merger case.

George M. Brown is announced as a candidate for re-nomination for prosecuting attorney for this judicial district. The LEADER editor has long been personally acquainted with Mr. Brown and knows him to be a gentleman of many sterling qualities. He has proven himself to be one of the ablest criminal prosecuting attorneys in the state, in fact he is a terror to the criminal element throughout the district, and his re-nomination is generally conceded to be equivalent to re-election.

There was a time when the readers of a newspaper read the advertisements only when there was nothing else in the paper to read. But nowadays it is a patent fact that the average reader is educated to the ad-reading habit. Tasty, well displayed announcements of trading places appeal to the eye, and are sure to be scanned with bargain hunting avidity. And on the other hand more advertisers are beginning to realize the fact that advertising really pays.

Having won the case against the Northern Securities Company, the administration is bound to apply the same medicine to the cases of the New England Railroad and the Baltimore and Ohio.

What is Japan about? She moves sluggishly. Six weeks after war was declared in 1870 the Germans had won half a dozen important victories and made the Emperor Napoleon a prisoner. Today nobody can guess the probable duration of the Jap-Russ war or pick the winner.

Agriculture being the first occupation of civilized man and pursued by millions for thousands of centuries, one naturally thinks of it as old. But Mr. Wilson, our able secretary of agriculture, declares that we have hardly made a beginning of understanding this great science.

In order to get at the grain raised in Lee county, Illinois, the Chicago & Northwestern railroad has contributed \$1,500 to help the farmers of that section build a good public turn-pike. A pointer to the Southern Pacific Company.

The school children of Columbus, O., are \$24,225.25 richer now than two years ago, when the penny savings system was started by the Board of Education.

The man who spends his life "getting even" for real or supposed injuries is a torment to himself and generally a bore to his friends.

It costs \$2,740 to kill a man in war.

HARRIS FOR CONGRESSMAN

Some Indorsements Received by the Lane County Candidate.

Congressional situation has attracted little attention as yet, but it is evident that Harris and Hermann are the two favorites. Hermann has numerous followers in this vicinity, although he failed to carry the county over Reames last year. Harris is especially popular with the younger element of the party, and if nominated would carry the county by a substantial majority. —Dallas dispatch in Oregonian.

B. F. Mulkey, president of the Ashland Normal, and S. A. Houston are the latest announced candidates for the Congressional honors. Hon. L. T. Harris is the right man for the place, and the party leaders should unite in giving him hearty support for the place. —Eugene Register.

One of the striking features of the opposition to Harris for congress is so far as it has been developed, is not that those who oppose are objecting to him on grounds of his qualifications or anything of that sort, but upon the grounds that if Harris is nominated and elected, his election means his return from term to term for many years to come. It is not that they love Harris less, but their own ambitions more; it is not that they prefer Hermann, but that they would rather see him in for another term than to see a man elected who by his ability and natural qualifications, may be called upon to serve the district continuously, to the undoing of others who are also ambitious to fill Hermann's place. This very weakness of the opposition ought to be an element of strength to Harris's candidacy, and that should give him hearty support of thoughtful republicans throughout the district. —Eugene Register.

Sheriff Fisk's Long Journey.

Sheriff Fred Fisk, who on last Saturday returned home from a trip to Fremont, Nebraska, with W. J. Jennings, who is wanted in Eugene on a charge of seduction, spent a few hours in this city Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. In a pleasant call on the LEADER, the genial sheriff informed us that his round trip to Nebraska only consumed eight days, one day having been spent at Fremont, but he was thoroughly worn out on his return, from the monotony of the long car ride and the constant vigil over his man. He says he found Jennings well connected socially and financially, his father being a state senator and banker and that the blow was a severe one to the old folks. Jennings was released from custody Monday on furnishing \$1000 bonds and has little to say regarding the charge preferred against him other than it caused him to leave a good business in Nebraska.

POLITICAL.

Prof. A. L. Briggs of the Cottage Grove public schools is a candidate for the nomination of county school superintendent on the republican ticket. The great success which has attended his educational work in this city is proof positive that he is thoroughly well qualified for the position. He is not only an up-to-date educator but a genial and public spirited citizen who advocates the upbuilding and development of the many dormant resources of the county, the improvement of our public highways and is generally progressive. If nominated and elected he will be found the right man in the right place.

Mayor G. R. Christman, of Eugene, seems to be decidedly in the lead for county judge on the republican ticket. He is an enthusiastic advocate of good roads and also encourages the extension of the rural telephone system, in fact he is an advocate of any movement looking toward the development and upbuilding of the county, which means the advancement of the farmers' interest and the increased valuation of the county's taxable property. He will have a strong delegation from south Lane.

Will G. Martin, for ten years a successful teacher in Lane county, and who has just been granted a state life diploma, is out for nomination for school superintendent subject to the will of the county convention. He has served as assistant under the present superintendent, having full charge of the office while Mr. Miller looked after the A-land normal. Mr. Martin is a rising young republican of the county, and made the LEADER a pleasant call while in town Wednesday.

J. C. Renne of Walker's, is mentioned as a prominent candidate for the nomination of assessor on the republican ticket. Mr. Renne is at present holding the position as salesman in Walker Brothers store and is said to be a very competent worthy and exemplary gentleman. He is said to be thoroughly well qualified for the position to which he aspires and will have considerable support from this part of the county.

Lawrence T. Harris, Lane county's illustrious son, has been down the valley this week looking after his candidacy for the Congressional nomination for the First District and if we are not greatly deceived in the indications the Willamette valley is going to send solid delegations to the Salem convention for the Lane county candidate.

Orrin Bennett was in from Richardson precinct Saturday and called at the Register office. Mr. Bennett said that having been urged by his friends to enter the race, he is out for republican nomination for commissioner to succeed J. R. Hill, democrat, and present incumbent. —Eugene Register.

B. F. Keeney of Gosben, is an active candidate for the republican nomination for assessor. He is at present engaged in registering voters in the clerk's office at Eugene. He is said to have pretty strong backing for the nomination.

Among the Democrats mentioned for the congressional nomination from this district are A. E. Reames of Jacksonville; O. P. Coshov, Roseburg and W. R. Bilyeu, of Albany. The republican contest has narrowed down to Hermann and Harris.

It begins to look like there might, all at once this spring, be more interest developed in getting in the spring crop than "saving the country" in the forthcoming political roundup.

For circuit judge only two names are mentioned, Judge Hamilton, the present democratic incumbent and E. O. Potter of Eugene, republican.

A boss is often a reformer who has finally grown up and got the rules of the game and is willing to play it fair.

Self-interest is considered the mainspring of life. Yet men will always vote their prejudices before their interests.

In an interview with the Roseburg Plaindealer last Friday, Geo.

Lace Collars for Easter

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M. Brown was asked the question: Are you a candidate for re-election? Yes, was the answer. The editor has only known Mr. Brown for the past eighteen months but during that time he has watched his course very closely and believes him to be an official who cannot be swayed from doing his entire duty to the state of Oregon and the citizens of Roseburg which he represents. As a public official of criminals he is a fearless and able prosecutor and bends every energy to convict men charged with crime and it matters not, high or low, friend or foe, if a criminal offence has been committed the offender can count on a most vigorous prosecution and a sentence to the penitentiary. No paper could say more than this for any prosecuting attorney, and we do hope that Mr. Brown will be nominated and elected to succeed himself by an overwhelming majority. —Roseburg Plaindealer.

For district attorney, Hon. Geo. W. Brown, the present incumbent, and W. W. Cardwell of Roseburg are mentioned.

Republican primaries Saturday.

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