

## EXPLAINS HIS POSITION

DR. WITHYCOMBE CORRECTS SOME MISSTATEMENTS.

Candidate for Governor Defines His Attitude Toward Chinese Labor and Primary.

There having been an attempt on the part of the democratic press to misrepresent the republican gubernatorial candidate, Dr. Withycombe, concerning his position on the Chinese labor question and likewise the direct primary, the doctor has addressed the following signed communication to The Portland Journal:

"Corvallis, Oregon, June 28.—To the Editor of the Journal—Your report of my recent address at Oregon City is absolutely misleading. In speaking of a greater Oregon I mentioned the fact that in my opinion, a blunder was made in not permitting the Chinese to continue the grubbing of this land, as it was entirely out of the question at that time to have the work done by white labor.

"If the Chinese had been permitted to finish this work, Clackamas county today would have had prosperous homes for hundreds of families—while it now has 300,000 acres of excellent farming land in brush and scattering timber. This great loss to our people was caused by agitators and demagogues.

"Incidentally I mentioned that my personal friend, Sylvester Penneyer, was made governor on this issue. I referred briefly to the incident from the standpoint of economic agriculture, was simply reviewing historical facts relating to agriculture and had no intention of defending Chinese labor, to which I am strongly opposed.

"I am in favor of the Chinese exclusion law. It is clearly a case of misapprehension on the part of your reporter of the real meaning of my remarks."

And how is what the republican candidate had to say about the direct primary, as told by the Corvallis Times-Gazette:

"For instance, one man asked me if I favored the assembly, and I said 'Yes,' but I also believe in the primary, and I believe we ought to keep on the statute books of this state laws by which it will be made equally important to get together as a party organization. This great government is a government of parties. The party is very necessary. It spurs the people on to their very best and greatest efforts for better government.

"I believe that is just as essential that we have laws for party organization as for any other purpose, because this government could not exist without parties. I believe that if these parties were annihilated this country would go back to a very low state of civilization and government. So, in addition to the primary law, I believe that we should have some means of getting together for the purpose of working for the maintenance of a good government. I stand, first, last and all the time, in favor of the direct primary. I hope this is plain to you, for I want you to understand how I stand on this.

### Open Letter, and Reply.

Oregon City, Ore., June 22.—Dr. James Withycombe, Corvallis, Ore.—Dear Sir: Are you in favor of state and national prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors? Your speech last night at the Methodist church in this city was very interesting, but you did not say where you stand on this question. Perhaps this was an oversight, because you told us you had caused the discharge of one of your subordinates in the state's service for entering a saloon, and you promise to enforce the laws if you are elected.

If you are in favor of state and national prohibition, will you join with Dr. Smith of the democrats, Mr. Gill of the progressives and myself of the prohibitionists, all being candidates for governor, in publicly advocating the Oregon dry amendment and national prohibition? The issue cannot be evaded in this campaign. Such a public declaration on your part will take the liquor question out of partisan politics in this state and every greatly increase the majority for the adoption of the Oregon dry amendment in November. You are to be congratulated on having the opportunity to render so great a public service. Sincerely yours,

W. S. U'REN.

Corvallis, Ore., June 29.—(To W. S. U'Ren. Prohibition candidate for governor)—An open letter to me by you has been printed in the public press. You are the Prohibition candidate for governor, and you ask me whether I am for state and national prohibition.

I do not intend to tell you, or anybody, how I shall vote in November on prohibition. This is not a party question. I am the Republican candidate. I do not propose to embarrass either myself or my party by taking a personal part in the campaign for or against prohibition.

But I am willing to tell you and the public what I will do as governor. It will be my duty as governor, if prohibition should be adopted, to enforce the law, and I shall do it.

I desire you to be equally candid. What is the basis of your statement, or assumption, that Dr. Smith, for the democrats, and Mr. Gill, for the progressives, will join you in 'publicly advocating the Oregon dry amendment and national prohibition?' I quote your own words. Is it true



Sig. Salvatore Ciriello and his splendid Italian band received applause upon applause on Tuesday night, the music furnished by this organization being of the highest order. With the Italian band boys was the Thavin Grand Opera company, a fine company of vocal soloists whose work proved most charming to the large audience. Ciriello is one of the foremost directors of the country, and his selections fairly 'took the audience off its feet.' At the conclusion of the entertainment Tuesday night, the audience arose and sang 'The Star Spangled Banner,' accompanied by the band, which consists of twenty-four pieces. These two attractions appeared afternoon and evening.

The celebrated Sextette from 'Lacina di Lammormoor' was played, the Grand Opera Company accompanying. Other well known selections played by the band were Rossini's William Tell Overture, selections from Carmen, 'Poet and Peasant,' Verdi's 'La Trovata' and 'Il Trovatore.' Signor Ciriello was master of the situation without undue gesticulations, and every moment of his baton or outstretched hand told. Several artists of the band deserve special mention, among them the cornet soloist, the baritone, the trombone, and the bass. The first and third for their solo work, the baritone for his clear notes and the bass for the mellow tones of the big brass horn. The Thavin Grand Opera Company was second to none of the musical attractions of the chautauqua. With the exception of the baritone who forced his voice once or twice to make himself heard above the band, renditions were exceptional. The singing was entirely Italian. The singers, however, represented four nations; the soprano, who is the wife of the baritone, is a Spaniard; the contralto, Miss Anna Buck, is an American; the tenor is a Mexican; and the baritone is Italian.

### WILL URGE TWO MEASURES.

Tax Committee Appointed by Legislature Hold's Meeting.

After discussing the various tax measures to be submitted to a vote of the people at general election this fall, the legislative tax committee, at a session in Salem on Tuesday, voted to appoint a committee of three to prepare arguments for the pamphlet for two constitutional amendments referred by the last legislature, which permit the classification of property for taxation.

For the present, the committee decided, it would be wise to center its fight to carry these two amendments, and to completely ignore all measures in relation to taxation which are being initiated. Possibly, it may decide later on to oppose these measures, but the consensus of opinion today was that the wiser course would be to leave them alone.

The two constitutional amendments are to repeal two constitutional provisions that all taxation shall be equal and uniform, and permit property to be classified for purposes of taxation. Both were submitted to the voters at the last election and defeated. It was expressed as the opinion of the committee that until the amendments are enacted no reform tax legislation can be enacted by the state.

### U. S. EXPRESS DROPS OUT.

American, Wells-Fargo and Adams Take Over the Holdings.

The United States Express company withdrew at midnight Tuesday night from the transportation field in which it had been active for sixty years. With the exception of a few hundred miles of electric traction lines, the mileage operated by the company has been reassigned to the American Express company, Wells-Fargo & Co., and the Adams Express company, the first two companies taking over the larger part. Wells-Fargo & Co. will act as its agent in carrying out contracts for handling money shipments.

### Pleased With Seymour's Decision.

The popularity of Superintendent of Schools H. C. Seymour among teachers of the county is shown by a remark made by an educator in a rural realm to The Observer this week: "I was certainly much pleased when I read in The Observer that Mr. Seymour had declined to accept the Portland appointment. His remaining in Polk county means that we are to continue educational work along progressive lines and advanced methods. This news was received with universal pleasure by the teachers in the county and I am one of the most enthusiastic of the number."

### Freemont Hotel Burns.

Burning with fiendish rapidity, a fire totally destroyed the Freemont hotel building at the corner of High and Ferry streets, Salem, early Wednesday morning, \$25,000 being an estimate of the damage done. The origin of the fire is a matter of conjecture, the main theory being that the conflagration started in the rear of the Elgin garage from spontaneous combustion.—Statesman.

### Small Tract Changes Hands.

Jim Wilson reports that he has made the sale of 10 acres of the McNary orchards to David and Newton Yost, who came here from the south. They will build on the tract immediately and begin truck farming and fruit growing. They were after land already broken to cultivate and found in this place what they were looking for. The land is located five miles southwest on the Dallas road in Polk county.—Salem Journal.

Mrs. J. H. Reed of Pottsville, Pa., was the first woman notary public in the United States.

Over 400,000,000 persons are under British rule.

that they have joined you? Or, if they have not, why do you imply that they have or will? Have you directed the same inquiry to them that you have to me? If not, why not? What is the understanding, if any, between you and them?

JAMES WITHYCOMBE.

## CARRIES NIGGER A MILE

WAR WRITER TELLS OF TENDER-HEARTED SOLDIER.

Peter MacQueen, Chautauqua Lecturer, on Firing Line in Many Countries.

Dr. Peter MacQueen, the war correspondent who lectured Wednesday night on the chautauqua platform, used to be a minister. Then for a vacation he went to war as correspondent. He is a man of action. He was born in Scotland, but he says, "Oh I am American in every sense of the word. America is the greatest nation in the world, I think." He has been on the firing line in South Africa with the Boer army, in Cuba with the American army, in Mexico with one of the Mexican armies, and also on the firing line with the American armies in the Philippines.

He says the American soldier is the most human of any soldier in the world, and uses his head more than



PETER MACQUEEN.

any other soldier. For instance, he says that soldiers of other armies keep their sights at whatever range is given them, no matter if they are wrong. They will not change until an officer orders the change. In the American army the soldiers change their sights without waiting for orders if they see they are failing to get results. He tells the following story of the tender heartedness of the American soldier in the war in the Philippines, where he came up with a soldier who was much excited.

"Just wait until I get to the cussed niggers," he exclaimed. "I'll give them brimstone. No quarter, says I."

"He was in earnest. He meant what he said. Quite by accident I came across him later. He was holding one of the 'cussed niggers' in his arms and giving him water.

"Hello," I said, "I thought there was to be no quarter?"

"I heard him yelling for 'agua, agua' he said, sheepishly, "and I couldn't let him die of thirst, so I brought him here on my back."

"How far did you bring him?"

"Oh, about a mile."

In 1913 over 240,000,000 barrels of petroleum were produced in the United States.

### SEE A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

Lumbermen Say Signs Point to Improved Market.

That signs point toward improved market conditions in the lumber industry, after the general depression of the last eighteen months, was indicated by expressions on the part of Northwest lumbermen at the regular monthly meeting of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, at Portland on Tuesday. The fact clearly was brought out that the stocks of retailers now are unusually low and that most all Northwest mills have been shipping at least up to their cut. Inquiries for orders are more free than for some time past. It is predicted too, that the Nation's banner crop condition will tend toward a slight ear shortage.

These conditions, lumbermen declare, indicate that prices will ascend slightly from their present bedrock level by fall. How great this increase will be none present cared to predict, but it probably will not be large at the outset. The delegates declared that prices will have to increase considerably before they can again receive any return on their full investments.

### Home Sweet Home.

I've bought goods at Glasgow, Belfast and Cork, London and Liverpool, and then in New York. I've purchased in Paris, yes, been in Rome. But say to you truly, there's no place like home.

Have sent to Chicago, I'm sorry to say. I got what I ordered, but first had to pay. When the boxes were opened I stood there alone. And said to myself, goods are better at home.

The stove that I sent for had only three legs. What's the use of a stove if it hasn't its pegs? When I looked in the oven it was cracked in the dome. Then I wished to land, Mike, I had bought it at home.

I'm now all filled up with this buying away. I'll buy where I sell my good butter and hay. If the Lord will forgive me no more will I roam. Hereafter I'll spend all my dollars at home.

### The Glorious Fourth.

The Peanut Man.—Bless Liberty: who wants the next bag?

The Candidate.—Why not whoop for me a few times?

Over at Salem.—Just as dry as any other day.

John Grant's Boarders.—And they call this the land of liberty.

At Monmouth.—I am no patriot if I don't pop some today.

Young American.—My stingy old dad wouldn't give me but a quarter.

### No Mere Bounties.

The attorney general has instructed county clerks not to issue any more warrants for scalp bounties on wild animals, as the state's fund for paying half the bounty is exhausted, and the law does not contemplate having the county pay all of the bounty.

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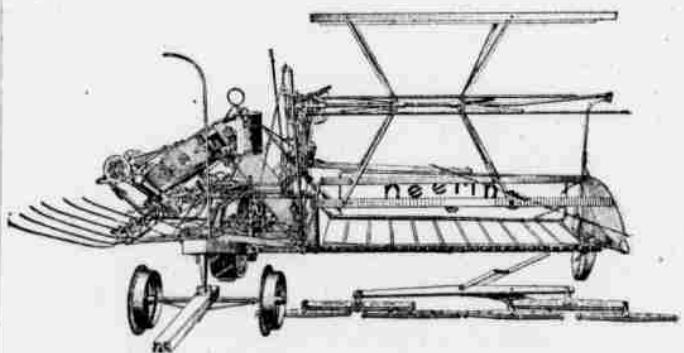
### SALE DATES AND LIMITS

Tickets will be sold July 3rd and 4th between all stations in Oregon (where the one way fare does not exceed \$6.00) and will be good for return on or before July 6th.

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