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The two sets of county candidates, republican and democratic, are now fairly before the people. J. W. Kirkland of Independence is charged with responsibility of the democratic campaign and J. N. Hart of Dallas with the conduct of the campaign in behalf of the republicans. The democrats have decided to make no public campaign but instead to unleash the candidates and let them make an individual rather than an organized canvass of the county. Theirs is to be a kind of "still hunt." Each man is expected to cushion-tie it over the county landing what game he can. The republican campaign is pitched on some what different plan. A few dates have been arranged and others will be. The public will be invited to hear the republican candidates on public questions. This is a fearlessness not exhibited by the democratic candidates. Mr. Hart has done well in breaking away from the "gum-shoe" method. He will do better and rise to the limit of the opportunity presented by challenging the opposing candidates to a joint discussion. With a ticket second to none ever put up in Polk county he can meet the opposition without any misgivings as to the outcome. A joint canvass will also have the added advantage of relieving the public from the harassment of individual solicitation at the hands of two sets of candidates. It will give the voters an opportunity of learning beyond a peradventure of doubt the position of candidates on public questions with which they will have to deal if elected. Candidates for the legislature and for the county court in particular owe to the public a heart to heart talk. It is promised by the republican candidates at Rickreall on the 21 and at other points in the county as dates may yet be arranged. Every voter should attend these meetings. He should also attend the democratic meetings if they have any.

There seems to be misapprehension as to the legal status of Bert Turner, the young man with Chester Keady at the time of the killing of the Corvallis officers. Turner was tried before a justice of the peace on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He pleaded guilty and is now serving his sentence. This does not preclude further punishment except as to the particular offense of carrying a concealed weapon. The next grand jury may take his case up and if evidence is produced tending to show he abetted in the shooting, return an indictment and put to trial on the charge of accomplice in the shooting. Or the district attorney may file an information against Turner at any time. The justice trial only exempts him from the charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

As the time for fishers, hunters and campers to take to the woods is near at hand, it is well to be reminded of the forest fire evils. Commissioner Richards has issued circulars warning people against carelessness in starting fires, and in view of the great devastation of only two years ago, leniency can not be asked and will not be granted one who permits a fire to get started in the woods. The federal law provides a maximum fine of \$5000, or imprisonment for two years, or both, if the fire is due to carelessness. It also provides that the money from these fines goes to the school funds of the county in which the offense is committed.

The Oregon City Courier, which is not in this judicial district, in volunteering information for the guidance of voters, says among other things concerning Judge Galloway that he handled nearly \$100,000,000 while in the land office at Oregon City. This is entirely too much money. The item is rejected and sent back to Oregon City to be doctored for inflation.

The Itemizer intimates that somebody will find something bad about some of the Polk county candidates before the campaign is over. People who go in quest of something derogatory

to their fellow man generally find it, or think they do, but that kind of politics is unworthy of brother Wash.

The daily Eugene Register put out a special Lane county edition of 68 pages Tuesday that is creditable to that county, as well as to the enterprise of the Register. Though Eugene is one of the best valley towns the Register is really putting out a better paper than a city of that size can expect.

The problem in government today is protection from public service corporations and political machine domination. The direct primary offers a remedy and it is the privilege of every voter in Oregon to cast his ballot in favor of that remedy June 6th.

A Portland gambler figured up his losses in the metropolis' many gambling houses and found it would take \$300 to square himself. One house returned \$125 and to make up the deficit the man committed suicide.

Forty-five convicts threw down their tools and walked out of the foundry last week declaring they could not work on the food furnished. There is no need of starving even a convict in Oregon.

Say what we will, the overshadowing issue in the coming election is the endorsement or rejection of President Roosevelt. Oregon will fire the first gun of the campaign. What will Polk county do?

Lack of houses and reports of increase of business in Independence, Monmouth, Dallas, Falls City and the smaller towns of Polk county are evidence of prosperous conditions.

Both republicans and democrats can vote for the direct primary law.

We are every fellow for himself.—Democratic candidates.

Keep your eye on the Polk county oil wells.

Prospects are good for Polk county sheep to get fleeced.

Beezley beats the bunch as a single-handed canvasser.

No joking, every voter should go before the county clerk or notary public and register.

With a direct primary law there will be no after-convention sore spots.

A reporter on the Salen Journal gives a half-page in advertising in that paper for a square meal with the convicts at the penitentiary.

Portland is a 2-cent city. It costs two pennies to cross a city bridge.

Question of the day! Will Skinner's boat be a success.

Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.—Bible.

Glad to see you! How's your health? Put her there! Shake!—The Candidate.

Nearly all well bred horses are registered but many voters are not.

Down with the proposed direct primary law—The Politician.

Give us more rural delivery, more telephone lines, better roads and a direct primary law—The Farmers.

Who's for a divide?—Joe Meek, May 2, 1843.

Judge Sibley did what he said he'd do as county judge. We want no more of Sibley.—Polk county Democratic Convention.

I was for Harris for congress if I do live in Douglas county.—Jim Hansborough.

A Johnny-jump-up at the convention that nominated Herman—A. C. Marsters,

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