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The first evidence of life on the part of either campaign committee in Polk county, is the announcement in today's issue of a series of dates for the republican candidates. The first thing decided upon by the democrats was to make no public campaign but to go "still hunting" for voters. From the standpoint of the politician that is a strategic move for the minority party. If all real issues can be kept down or sidetracked for false ones and the campaign put on the basis of a "still hunting" hand shaking contest, the advantage belongs to the minority party. It has more votes to hunt, more hands to shake. The campaign in Polk county has so far been as the democrats, as the minority party would have it. There has been a growing dissatisfaction with this style of campaign and during the past few days some criticism has been directed at the republican management for permitting it. Dissatisfaction has extended even to the candidates and there has been a disposition to drag Chairman Hart from his den of repose in the second story of a business block near the county jail at Dallas. Mr. Hart has now made his first move. He has arranged dates for speaking and rallies and gives assurance he will arrange others. He now proposes to open up the campaign in earnest, recognizing that voters have the right to know where candidates stand on questions with which they will have to deal if elected. It is now up to the democratic committee to follow suit. A means has been provided whereby candidates may take the public into their confidence and let voters know how they stand on public questions. Will the democratic committee do as well? Is the public to have an opportunity to hear from a democratic candidate during this campaign? Will they come before the public and tell why they would strike a blow at the Roosevelt administration at this time in the election that opens the national campaign?

The poultry shows of the past season give irrefutable proof that climate has as little to do with success or failure in poultry raising as with race suicide. From west of the Cascades where winters are moist and east where the climate is dry and vigorous, and from the hot sunshine of Southern California, coast bred fowls of highest quality have been exhibited. Russia with the roughest climate in the world, exports millions of dollars worth of poultry and eggs annually. New England, with its freakish climate, raises excellent poultry. Regardless of sunshine or clouds, barometer or thermometer, poultry can be successfully raised on the Pacific coast, if there is success in the raiaer. In Oregon the poultry and egg market is practically unlimited. They always command a good price and one of the wonders of the day is why the poultry business is not given more attention than it has had in Oregon.

Interest in hops, as the hop season advances has given rise, as it usually does to some wild speculation relative to the year's prospective output. Already the estimated yield of the state for the year has been put as high as 140,000 bales. There is nothing in the present outlook upon which to base so high an estimate. The crop is looking fairly well, but in an estimate of the total yield missing hills which are numerous in many of the old yards are to be considered. As to increased acreage, it should be remembered that no yield is to be expected from hops put out this year. It is early in the season yet to make an estimate approximating accuracy, but from present prospects conservative hop men expect the output to be within the 100,000 bale limit. The 140,000 bale estimate is rather wild.

A hop vine on a favorable night will grow as much as twelve inches says John Groves, a practical hop grower. Counting 858 hills to the acre and 3 vines to the hill the total growth for one

night on an acre of hops would be 31,968 inches; the growth on a yard of 100 acres, 3,195,800; on a 400-acre yard such as the Krebs yard, 12,787,200. The growth on 3,000 acres, which would include the hops within a radius of 8 or 10 miles of Independence would reach the enormous figure of 95,905,000 inches in a night. On twelve nights it would be as many feet or 18,163 miles, nearly two-thirds of the distance round the earth.

B. L. Eddy, candidate for circuit judge is making a good impression in the Third district. Mr. Eddy has twice represented his county, Tillamook, in the legislature. He is a comparatively young man and has capacity and legal qualifications as well as the temperament for a good judicial officer. If voters will only remember when marking their ballots for circuit judge that B. L. Eddy is one of the candidates, a good majority for him is assured.

Many new flouring mills are being erected or enlarged in the Northwest either co incident with or as a result of the Oriental war. The prospects are the big wheat cargoes of the Pacific coast will be a thing of the past. Instead, wheat will be ground into flour and shipped as a manufactured product.

E. M. Smith and Carl Graves, candidates for clerk and assessor respectively are men whose reputations are of the best and they are peculiarly qualified for the offices named. Their opponents are third term men and there should be no question as to the election of Smith and Graves.

Portland has been trying to start an agitation for the purchase by the state of the Lewis and Clark fair grounds. There are some slightly eminences on Polk county's hill-tops, the state can bid on also when it goes into the site buying business.

June 7 has been added to the list of sales days for the special rate fare to St. Louis. It was done for the convenience of Oregonians who may desire to be present at the exposition on Oregon day.

Only a few years ago, the preservation of the integrity of China was a burning international question. Now it's the preservation of Chinese neutrality.

Tom Richardson, recently from New Orleans has undertaken to scrape the moss off the backs and shake up the dry bones of Portland generally. Big job.

It's real hop dreams growers may have warm nights now when their vines are growing at the rate of six to twelve inches a night.

Salem has decided to return to primitive educational methods by abolishing a city superintendent of schools.

Who wants the job of filling the vacancy on the State Fair Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Wingate?

Astoria is considering the matter of a regetta this year. Astoria without a regetta may as well be off the map.

Prospects for a big republican victory in Polk county look brighter as the campaign opens up in earnest.

The Salem Journal has an Indian cartoonist. His pictures are out o'sight.

Editor B. F. Irvine of the Corvallis Times has \$100 and he offers to bet the whole amount he can prove the front page of the Gazette a liar.

The ax is getting in its work on the Portland postoffice officials. Some get it in the foot and others in the neck.

Letters that go through the Portland post-office now have a rocky road to travel.

There is said to be a man in Astoria who does not want to go to heaven, for fear of meeting his first wife there.

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- For Sheriff, MARK SCRAFFORD.
- For Commissioner, Wm. RIDDELL.
- For Assessor, CARL GRAVES.
- For School Superintendent, C. L. STARR.
- For Treasurer, J. E. BEEZLEY.
- For Surveyor, JOHN VAN ORSDELL.
- For Coroner, LINN CHAPMAN.

Campaign Dates.

Following are the rally and speaking dates arranged for by the republican campaign committee:

Grand Rally at Dallas evening of the 28th inst. If there are no conflicting dates, either Senator Fulton or Congressman Hermann is expected to be present on this occasion.

Buell's Chapel, evening of the 31st.

McCoy, evening of June 1st.

Airlie, evening of June 2d.

Falls City, evening of June 3d.

Date for Independence meeting yet to be arranged.

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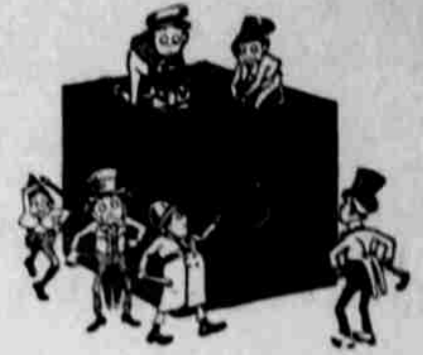
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