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The announcement last week of Dr. Chas. Hines for representative from this county is being accepted with much favor from all over the county. Dr. Hines is one of the county's most substantial and foremost citizens. His influence is far-reaching, having been a member of the legislature in 1903, his acquaintance is not confined to the boundary of Washington county alone. While in the legislature he was to be found always with those who sought to make good laws and keep down the appropriations; in fact he was a friend of the taxpayer, being himself a heavy contributor to the public treasury. He is a good republican and believes in that party's principles, and more especially those of our illustrious president, Theodore Roosevelt. Washington county wants good, hard-working representatives, and in this the county has been most fortunate, and by returning Dr. Hines to the legislature the county is insured of representation for all classes.

Election at Cornelius.

Voters of the city of Cornelius will decide the saloon question in that municipality for another year at the election which is to be held there next Monday. The question of a "dry" or a "wet" town is the principal issue and the contest at the polls promises to be unusually keen. The party who favors the licensed system met some time ago and nominated the following ticket: Mayor, F. Schoen; councilmen, Ed Wolfe, W. Merrill, George Holscher and J. A. Irmiler; recorder, Link Geiger; treasurer, F. Hendrix.

At the Oregon hotel Monday evening the temperance element held a mass meeting and amid enthusiasm put up a ticket headed by M. H. Henderson for mayor. The remainder of the ticket is made up as follows: For councilmen, John Hartman, C. E. Whitmore, H. S. Sturdevant and F. A. Thomas; recorder, H. G. Fitch; treasurer, C. C. Hancock.

PIONEER CROSSES DIVIDE.

Adrianus Vandervelden, One of the Founders of Verboort Settlement, Died at Age of 62.

Another Pioneer of the Verboort settlement has joined the silent majority. Adrianus Vandervelden, aged 62, who died Thursday at Verboort, was born at North Brandant, Holland, where he lived six years. He came to America and migrated to De Pere, Wis., where he lived until he removed to this county about thirty-three years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Vandervelden with four other families founded the Holland parish which has become one of the richest agricultural sections in the county.

A widow, whose maiden name was Miss Angeline Cuene, to whom he was married in 1871, at De Pere, Wis., together with the following children, survive him: Mrs. William A. Hermus, Sublimity, Ore.; Mrs. T. M. Hermus, William A. Vandervelden, Mrs. W. P. Vanderzanden, Verboort; Sister Genevieve, St. Mary's Academy, Beaverton; Misses Dora, Jennie, Minnie and Edward Vandervelden, Verboort.

The Congregational church prayer meeting last week was largely attended. At the close of the devotional services a reception was tendered to the new members in the parlors of the church. The affair proved enjoyable and the new members were made to feel that they had become a part of an organization which is to mean much to them because of their affiliation with it. A number of short speeches were made by well known members of the church, followed by a social hour.

Z. Wing, formerly of Gales Creek and at one time engaged in the harness business in this city, in a letter from Riverside, Cal., to J. W. McRobert of Gales Creek, states that there is no place quite as good as Oregon. This has been the experience of many who have moved away from Washington county. The equable climate and splendid opportunities offered here are such as to draw back the wanderer to the scene of his former activity.

H. W. Sparks, who formerly was associated with The News in a reportorial capacity, and who more recently went out for the Pacific Monthly, is now in San Francisco taking the sights in the "Imperishable city." He is accompanied by Harold Jensen, another Forest Grove boy. Hugh is one of Forest Grove's brightest young men who has been making a reputation for himself as a popular entertainer and chalk talker.

Hon. Paul Morton, formerly Secretary of the Navy in President Roosevelt's cabinet, but now president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, is being entertained in Portland this week. Mr. Morton is a Western man and is making an extended tour of the Pacific Coast with a view to investments.

Rev. J. Garrigus of Banks, has gone to Buckley, Wash., where he will conduct evangelistic services for the next three weeks.

ANDREW THATCHER IS DEAD

Washington County Pioneer Passes Away Alone in His Cabin.

Andrew Thatcher, a well known pioneer character, died alone in his cabin near Thatcher, Saturday afternoon of organic heart trouble. He was born in La Grange county, Ind., December 25, 1845 and blazed the Oregon trail with his father in 1856, his mother having died when he was but three years of age. Since coming to Washington county, Mr. Thatcher has made his home on the place upon which he originally settled. In 1894 he was married to Mrs. Lizzie Anderson. He leaves two children, Merle and Effie aged twelve and ten years respectively, who are in Portland homes.

The funeral services were conducted Monday morning from the Thatcher church by Rev. J. Garrigus of Banks, and a goodly number of neighbors and old-time friends paid their last tribute to the aged pioneer. The burial was in the Buxton cemetery.

Coroner Ernest Brown was called to the scene and assisted by Dr. Large held an inquest in which it was found that the aged man had come to his death through natural causes.

Fiftieth Anniversary.

To have been married for 55 years is the distinction belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Nirom R. Wells an honored and esteemed couple of this city, who on last Thursday quietly celebrated the anniversary of their marriage solemnized years ago in Viroqua, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells have resided in Forest Grove continuously for the past thirty-six years and count their friends by the score. Mrs. Wells was born in Morgan county, Ohio, in 1836 and her girlhood days were spent at that place and at McConnellsville, in that state. Her husband is also a native of Ohio and first saw the light in Perry county in 1831, where he lived during his boyhood.

The married life of this aged couple has been a happy one and the union was blessed with three children, two daughters, Mrs. Sadie Williams of this city and Mrs. Emma Teegarden of Portland, and one son, Aaron Wells who is engaged in business in Portland.

Mrs. W. H. Green entertained the Domestic Science Department, last Tuesday, at her pleasant home on North Mount. A very pleasing and interesting afternoon it proved to be to the members who braved the wind and rain. The Department is planning to give a dinner to their husbands in a few days. Chicken salad, deviled eggs, sandwiches and coffee were served and the ladies were all unanimous in saying that Mrs. Green can make exceptionally fine coffee. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. McEldowney, April 7, and continue the subject of eggs.

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Logical Presidential Candidate.

Lents, Ore., Mar. 30, 1908.—The recent speeches in the United States Senate of Senator La Follette have aroused the country. In attacking the imperfections of our financial system, Senator La Follette caused a rattling among the dry bones of the Senate Chamber not unlike the disturbance kicked up when Roosevelt goes abroad with "the big stick."

In temperament, ideas and methods, La Follette more closely resembles Roosevelt than any other man in public life to-day. Both are fearless and aggressive. Both are masters of constructive legislation.

Roosevelt has administered the government while at the same time securing needed legislation from Congress. For three successive terms La Follette, as governor of Wisconsin, executed laws in the face of the most powerful opposition and induced the legislatures of his state to enact such laws as were needed.

An adjustment between the relations of the Government and the large business interests of the country has been commenced by President Roosevelt. It is of the greatest importance that in such adjustment wise and efficient laws be enacted by Congress that will insure on the one hand the safe guarding of all legitimate business interests

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and on the other the requisite Federal control and supervision to prevent, and, if need be, to punish overreaching and dishonest business methods. The great work of the administration will be the enactment of wise and efficient laws to carry out those policies so well begun, and will be legislative rather than administrative in character. The country is more vitally interested at present, for instance, in Federal control of railway rates than it is in the latest method of governing the Philippines. Certainly in this State transportation is of the utmost importance.

The pooling of the railroads has stopped railroad development in this state and has killed competition in transportation rates. Even the steamboat lines on the rivers have come under the dictation of the railroads.

As seen by his speech in the Senate the other day, Senator La Follette thoroughly understands the generalities and technicalities of the railroad problem. He dealt with it in Wisconsin and gave that state the best set of laws, all rigidly enforced, covering transportation matters that are in existence in this country.

La Follette renewed his plea for an official valuation of railroads, so that the people can find out what taxes they ought to pay, and what rates of are reasonable. This is a proposition that must necessarily come to the front in the United States as La Follette pressed it to the front in Wisconsin.

In commenting on this the Portland Journal gave expression to the sentiment of the average citizen of Oregon when it said:

"People have a right to know the value of railroads; and the people's specified, expert officials, the interstate commerce commission, should

have the right and power to ascertain this value, and to judge therefrom as to reasonable rates. This, also, would be helpful to assessors in fixing valuations."

The people want nothing but what is right and fair in these matters. They do not want to cripple or harass the railroads, nor the big financial institutions; but they do want, and insist upon information, knowledge and the power of regulation and control. La Follette stands forth conspicuously and notably as the people's champion in these respects. He is not a mere dreamer or theorizer, but he is a man who has worked out his ideas to a practical conclusion in Wisconsin, and the people there have the fruits of his work in their pockets, in their homes, and in their brains.

Why not give to La Follette the chance to do for the United States what he did for his own state of Wisconsin? Why not send a delegation to the Republican National convention instructed to use every fair means to secure his nomination?

The delegates to the State convention are most likely to be chosen by county conventions called together without formality by the chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, which in Washington county is E. B. Tongue of Hillsboro.

Watch for the call of the convention. Attend it. See that the right men are sent to the state convention.

The purpose of the state convention is to select four Presidential Electors and four delegates with four alternates, to the Republican National Convention, to be held in Chicago June 16. The First Congressional District is also expected to meet at the same time as the state convention and select two

delegates and a similar number of alternates. The committeemen of the Second Congressional District was not organized, and unless organization soon effected it will be the duty of the state convention to select two delegates and alternates for that district. WILBUR F. BROCK.

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