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The Politically Afflicted.

The Review and Journal of Prineville, The Dalles Chronicle, the Moro Observer, the Baker City Herald and numerous other newspapers have lined up for Williamson for congressman. The announcement that Moody would break cover has been greeted warmly by only one paper—the Grass Valley Journal. In Portland Moody is forced to line up with Simon, not because they are friends, but because they have similar griefs. Both have been "trun down" by Mitchell and they seem to have organized a camp of the politically afflicted. The Simon wing in Multnomah bolted Furnish at the last election and whatever satisfaction the action gave them at the time, the Simonites now find that the Furnish vote will be taken as a basis for apportioning delegates to the various precincts, and the Simon districts will have their representation reduced. In numerous counties in this congressional district Moody will have supporters but he seems to be taekn up entirely by minority factions. This league of the politically afflicted is discordant and weak. A common hatred is the weakest of all political bonds and its cause seems hopeless against the combined forces of Mitchell, Williamson and Fulton.

Relief to Timber Claimants.

The last heard of the following bill for the relief of timber claimants in this section was that it had passed both houses of congress and was in the hands of the president for his approval. The bill reads as follows:

"That whenever it shall appear to the commissioner of the general land office that an error has heretofore been made by the officers of any local land office in receiving any application, declaratory statement, entry, or final proof under the homestead or other land laws, and that there was no fraud practiced by the entryman, and that there are no prior adverse claimants to the land described in the entry, and that no other reason why the title should not vest in the entryman exists, except that said application, declaratory statement, entry, or proof was not made within the land district in which the lands applied for are situated, as provided by the act of March 11, 1902, such entry or proof shall be confirmed."

The Cossacks, who compose the Russian cavalry are a very strange people. They have acted as a frontier guard for the Russian Empire for over 150 years, and enjoy many special privileges as a people. They pay no taxes and are permitted to distil liquors, and are free from game laws. Their towns are conducted on the socialistic plan, nearly all property being held in common. Cossacks are literally hired tigers who are purposely kept in an almost savage condition to do Russia's desperate work. They have their own officers and are not required to observe regular military rules,—in fact preserve many freebooter customs and will kill men, women or children with apparent pleasure.

Their horsemanship is wonderful and death has few terrors for them. In appearance they are mostly blue-eyed and light-haired but are not pure blooded whites. They have lived many years near the Mongol Tartar and many of them have Mongolian blood in their veins. Like all ignorant people they are whimsically superstitious. In one battle a troop of them quit the fight to chase and kill a rabbit, the escape of which would have been a bad omen. They are far from being reliable soldiers and cannot be trusted to carry out any plan of battle.

The World's Fair Route.

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U. S. Commissioners Being Removed.

It is given out that the resignation of Range U. S. Commissioners will shortly be asked, the first move in that direction being the demand for the resignation of A. P. Silliman, commissioner at Hidding, the request being signed by Judge Morris. The reason ascribed for the action is that "the cause is found in the abridgement of the income of the land office as represented in the fees paid to Range commissioners by homesteaders, settlers and timber land claimants."—Virginia (Mian.) Enterprise.

Rumors have it that a large number of Oregon U. S. Commissioners will be removed by the court for various reasons, probably on the same ground as that given by the Minnesota judge. At this time very little can be learned on the subject.

More Treasure Trove.

Six twenty dollar gold pieces were found in a barrel which had been used for carrying water. The money was turned over to James Overton by the finder. Mr. Overton lost \$190 some time since, \$160 in gold and \$30 in paper. Last week two twenty dollar pieces were found in the river and this week the rest of the gold reappeared. Of the amount lost only the \$30 in currency remains undiscovered. The motive for taking the money is as much a mystery as ever. It is to be hoped that Mr. Overton will eventually recover the whole amount. It seems to have been a

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News of the Week.

The stockraisers of the United States are in session considering a company to be capitalized at \$50,000,000 with a view to oppose the oppressive Beef trust.

The postoffice officials, who were arrested for conspiracy to defraud the government, have been convicted. Macher, Lorenz, and one of the Groff brothers were each sentenced to two years in prison and fines of \$10,000 each. One of the Groffs may get a new trial.

W. O. Harryman, editor of the Long Creek Light, has been arrested for dynamiting the office of the Long Creek Ranger, and has been held under \$500.00 bond. Simultaneous with the wrecking of the

Ranger office, a threatening letter was written to Cos, the Ranger editor. This letter was not written in script but in print. Witnesses for state identified the writing as Harryman's. The evidence against him was largely of the "guess" order.

Reports have it that an automobile line is to connect Cross Keys with Deschutes, and that a Prineville-Burns line is likely to be installed. The scheme contemplates a separate road to be used exclusively by the machines.

The president has issued an order that no government land shall be withdrawn for forest reserve purposes, until the congressmen and senators from the state where the land lies, have been notified. This is a reversal of the president's former policy.