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The Woodburn Independent perseveres from week to week in maintaining that Tooze is still in the lead and will win out. Why not let the matter rest with that then? The Independent doth protest too much.

"He has been successful in business, therefore he would be a good man in office," is an argument frequently heard. It has not been clearly demonstrated that proficiency at the poker table is the mark of a statesman.

Friends of the local option law should be on their guard against the proposed amendment which will be voted upon at the coming election. It is a measure of the Brewers' and Liquor Dealers' Association and its purpose is to pull the teeth of the present law. Vote "No," and encourage others to do the same.

The day has passed when you can do much injury to a candidate by exploiting as a means of reproach his church affiliations or religious convictions. It rather gains him the votes of decent people. This is a gentle reminder to those who persist in referring to Prof. W. C. Hawley as the Rev. Mr. Hawley.

The argument for the direct primary has ever been that it will weed out from office the tricky politician and the morally and intellectually unfit. The issue is in the hands of the people. If they will get out to the polls on April 20th and vote for clean, capable candidates, a decisive victory will have been gained for practical representative government.

It is mirth-provoking to see how seriously some of the little two by four cross roads newspapers take themselves, some of which have sprung up mushroom style to meet a special demand. They assume a judicial attitude and deal out to their readers paid advice as to the distinguishing fitness of certain candidates as if they thought they were "moulding public opinion." Intelligent readers smile at their presumptuous antics and are reminded of the well known humorist's allusion to the "am:osin' cuss."

Sending a prohibitionist to Congress from the greatest hop-raising section of the world is one of the consistencies of the great American citizen and sovereign elector.—Chronicle.

In other words the Chronicle would advise the sovereign electors to send to Washington a mouthpiece and walking advertisement of the brewery and its allied interests and it would be an easy guess to name the Chronicle's choice. But are we electing a congressman to represent the people or the liquor interests?

Democratic editors and a few hybrid allies who were chuckling to themselves that they had republican legislative nominees stuck by a far fetched interpretation of "Statement No. 1" are becoming frenzied because the republican aspirants refuse to be caught holding the snipe sack. The Telephone Register man had a little spasm last week which indicated acute pain in the region of his solar plexus. He has lots of time in which to recover, or he can work himself up into another if he is so easily disturbed. It makes little difference.

The subject of reformed (?) spelling was discussed last week by the executive body of the National Educational Association

and upon motion of Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, erstwhile frige silver crank and freak plenipotentiary, it was voted to recommend that twelve phonetic (fonetik) words be used hereafter in the publications of the Association. For instance: "bizness" for business, "enui" for enough, "red" for read, "ruf" for rough, "tuff" for tough, "tung" for tongue, etc. A lot of "tired" pedagogues too lazy to take the trouble to learn to spell correctly should be given a chance to rest and their places filled by others. "Too much trouble" they say. We have long heard of a race of people who wear abbreviated, phonetic or reformed clothing for the same reason. They live in Darkest Africa.

Some of the Reasons Why Charles A. Johns of Baker City should be Nominated for Governor.



He is a pioneer of Oregon. Has resided in this state continuously since 1858, twenty-nine years in the Willamette valley and eighteen years in Eastern Oregon. Graduated from the Willamette University with the degree of A. B. in 1878 and was admitted to the bar in 1881. Commenced the practice of his profession at Dallas in Polk county and married Mabel Ellis of that County in 1882. Moved to Baker City in 1888. Was elected mayor in 1891 and re-elected in 1892 and was again elected in 1904 by the largest majority any person ever received for that office. He is serving his fourth consecutive term as school director, making fifteen years of continuous service. Last election he received every vote. Is a member of the State School Book Text Commission with Hons. H. W. Scott, W. M. Ladd, W. M. Colvig and Pres. Campbell, being appointed first by Gov. Geer and reappointed by Gov. Chamberlain.

Is a life long republican and has always been loyal to its principles and ticket. Is a representative of the younger and progressive element of the party. Has never been a factional man, is not a factional candidate and will not be a factional governor. He will be nominated or defeated without a promise or pledge except direct to the people. His nomination would harmonize and recruit the party and insure the election of a republican governor. No man ever had a stronger home indorsement. Is a man of good habits and a broad minded, public spirited citizen. Practically all the business interests in his home county, without regard to politics, are united in his support. Is a clean man and has a clean record. As a campaigner he has but a few equals and no superiors in the state.

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