

THE ITEMS

COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

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County politics—"War and rumors of war."

"The public lands for those who will live upon them and use them well."

"The Smashers' Mail," Mrs. Carrie Nation, Editor, has suspended publication.

The Oregonian's big annual number reached us this week. As usual it is replete with information of the great Pacific Northwest. It is an edition worthy of the highest commendation.

Taking the rate of taxes for County Judge Sparrow's four years in office there is a falling off, or a reduction, of 2 mills, as compared with the four years preceding. Yet we have paid out of debt. This is a record to be proud of.

Where is the justice of a law that places the rate of state taxes in one county at 5.96 mills and in another county at 6.7 mills? The former is that paid in Multnomah County and the second figure is that placed on the shoulders of the taxpayers of Harney County.

May not the law known as the Carey act prove as detrimental to the country as a lease law, is a question that is agitating more than a few in this section at the present time. This reclamation of the arid lands under the Carey act is nice to talk about, provided, etc., but it is really, with the uncertainty of the law itself and the grave doubts that exist that the part that is good will ever be applied with a good thing? What did a prominent stockman mean the other day when he said he had something that beat the lease law all to thunder? Here is something for you to think about while waiting developments.

Today this great people in the United States stands in relation to its public land in a position the like of which no great free people has ever stood, and it is imperative that we take steps at once to make sure that whoever gains or becomes possessed of one foot of it, does so for use. We must see to it that the speculator, the land grabber, the designing politician and the members of this tribe do not gain control of the land the Government now owns, and so keep away from it those who could and who would give upon it, cultivate it, and thus add to all the sustenance, comforts and wealth of the Republic. —William Wilkinson in December National Homemaker.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order. What to Do. There is comfort in the knowledge to be expressed that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidney, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and relieves pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon noted. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by Druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., One of Swamp-Root Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention this generous offer in this paper.

SENATORIAL.

In a recent editorial the Bohemia Nugget touches on the senatorial question as follows:

"The political pot is evidently on the simmer, and more or less speculation is now rife, regarding the names of a number of good men, among them that of no less a personage than State Senator C. W. Fulton of Astoria, the energetic, broadminded, conservative republican, who has figured conspicuously in Oregon politics for these many years. It is known beyond a doubt that Mr. Fulton will be a candidate, and it is only justice to him and his constituency, as well as the voters of Oregon, that the fact be sent broadcast over the state. It is not necessary to review at length Mr. Fulton's record. It is a clean one and is on the lips of every one acquainted with the politics of the state. This, in itself, does not entitle him to a seat in the United States senate; but it certainly makes him eligible, and when coupled with his magnificent ability, surrounded by his friends, who are legion, he becomes a formidable figure, not easily outdone by other candidates who may aspire to one high honor. He is one of those courageous republicans who has never been found wanting and always ready to put his best efforts foremost in support of his party and its interests, giving his own, at least on two occasions in his political career, a secondary place. No one can gainsay his ability. In fact today, if not the peer, he stands in the very front rank of brainy men identified with the political affairs of the state."

Speaking of Harvey Scott's aspirations the Nugget says:

"Mr. Scott, like some others who have been in state and national politics has his enemies, political as well as personal; and the fact that he has been the head and front of one of the most influential papers on the Pacific Coast for a quarter of a century, does not serve to lessen the number of his enemies. Again, Mr. Scott's prominence in political and newspaper circles has served as the tie that binds, and has made his true friends the stronger, the better and more determined, when the time comes, to fight his battle hard, fast and furious, if possible, to a victorious finish."

Touching the renewal of friendship between Mitchell and Scott the Nugget says:

"While this is a no new thing to many of the onlookers at the political ringside, it also is worthy of some consideration at the present time. The populace of the state has implicit faith in the ability and earnestness of Senator Mitchell, and the regrettable thing in his present term is the fact that harmony does not exist in the United States senatorial boat from Oregon; hence those who bank their all on Senator Mitchell would not be adverse to the election of a senator who would have something in common with him. A long time ago, Senator Mitchell and Mr. Scott quit sliding down the same cellar door, and since that time things have been in somewhat of a jumble and many a powerful blow that should have been struck for the general good of Oregon has been blocked, as a result, directly or indirectly, of the estrangement of Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Scott. In some respects the condition of affairs was not unlike an irresistible force coming in contact with an immovable body. Without reference to the relative merits of the estrangement of these two political generals, let us as republicans congratulate ourselves in that they have buried the hatchet, and are ready to put shoulders together and work for the common good of the state. Of Mr. Scott's political aspirations the writer knows nothing. However, it is a fair presumption that he would not refuse the office if it were thrust upon him; but the fact should not be lost sight of that there are other good and brilliant men in Oregon, among whom stands the staunch figure of Hon. C. W. Fulton well to the front, who would make his mark as an energetic and forceful representa-

tive in the national senate, giving Oregon a team capable of accomplishing much good and exemplifying to the letter, the spirit of harmony so much needed in the Oregon delegation."

GO LIKE A WHIRLWIND.

Antelope Herald: Hon. J. N. Williamson of Prineville has a great many friends in this section of the country who recognize the splendid service he has been rendering his state as a legislator in the upper branch, and as a private citizen seeking to advance the interests of the stock industry, but they are just now at a loss to know for what office he is grooming himself. Several papers, claiming to speak ex cathedra, have stated that he is not a miscellaneous candidate and only wanted to be secretary of state; others, claiming equally high authority, seem inclined to the view that Mr. Williamson is a candidate for congress to succeed Hon. M. A. Moody. The people have some rights in the matter, and they are anxiously awaiting some declaration from Mr. Williamson. As an Eastern Oregon candidate for any state office, he could carry this section of the state like a whirlwind, but as a candidate for congress, against another of Eastern Oregon's favorite sons, he would meet with very bitter opposition. If Mr. Williamson is a candidate for congress, it is unfair to Mr. Moody that he should permit a statement to go out undenied that he is only a candidate for secretary of state; and at the same time use that purported candidacy as a shield behind which to hide while he conducts his fight on Mr. Moody.

COUNTERFEIT COIN.

Look out for bad silver! Officers in the various cities of the northwest are on the lookout for spurious coins and those who make or try to pass them. Recently several thousands were discovered in the smaller cities along Puget sound. Thus far all efforts to run down the counterfeiters have proven without avail. However, storekeepers and banks have been warned and are on their guard against receiving bad money.

The counterfeiters are both dollars and half dollars. The imitation of the government coin is very close, and as they are made from silver and the proper alloy, there is little difference in either weight or ring. Therefore, it is difficult for the ordinary person to detect the counterfeit. Before the fraud was discovered many thousands of them were in circulation.

It is announced that close attention to detail will reveal the fact that one or the other side of the money, if bad, will be slightly blurred. This is said to result from the coin having been cast instead of stamped, as is the case in the government mint. However, even a close observation may fail to bring about the fact that the money is worthless, and several of the pieces had to be sent to the San Francisco mint before the fact could be established that they were without value.

So when a man gives you a handful of silver coins, examine the dollars and halves. They may be bad even though the man who hands them out is not aware of the fact.

A Prominent Chicago Woman Speaks

Prof. Roxa Tyler, of Chicago Vice President Illinois Woman's Alliance in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "I suffered with a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia. I tried different remedies but it seemed to grow worse and the medicine upset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I found it was pleasant to take and it relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered, saved a doctor's bill, time and suffering, and I will never be without this splendid medicine again." For sale H. M. Horton, Burns; Fred Haines, Harney City.

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Even the woman croak has times of wondering if her hat is on straight.

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